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D elegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) launched yesterday a public petition urging U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate corruption in the CNMI after similar requests to U.S. Department of Justice officials in the region, among others, fell on deaf ears. The Fitial administration described the request as "nothing more than a political ploy."

"We do not understand how the U.S. Attorney can sit idly by, when day after day, our news media report on the abuse of office by elected officials in the Northern Marianas," the petition says.

The petition is available at

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/594/245/960/demand-federal-action-to-root-out-corruption-in-the-nmi/>

It targets 1,000 signatures.

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## CHC team opposes HealthTech advice—sources

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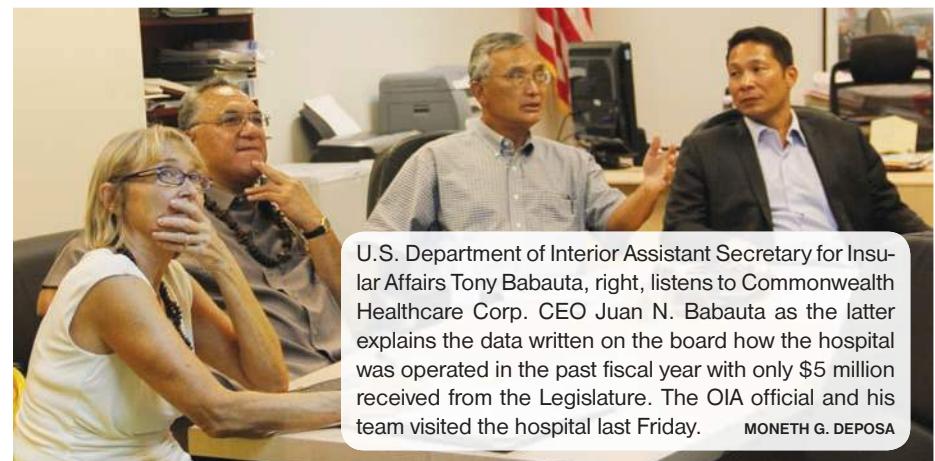
In a meeting with Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta yesterday, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. officials made known their strong opposition to recommendations made by HealthTech Management Services, Inc. on how to salvage the hospital's situation.

» Corporation fears hiring turnaround team a way to privatize CHC

HealthTech recently did an analysis of the Commonwealth Health Center and recommended, among other things, the hiring of a management team to "turn around" the beleaguered hospital.

Sources said the corporation fears that the hiring of a turnaround management team

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U.S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta, right, listens to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta as the latter explains the data written on the board how the hospital was operated in the past fiscal year with only \$5 million received from the Legislature. The OIA official and his team visited the hospital last Friday.

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## 11 citations for cop in hit-and-run

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Police issued traffic citations for at least 11 violations allegedly committed by Police Officer 2 Martin I. Kapileo, who was reportedly drunk when he hit a woman with his police vehicle and then fled the scene.

Police officer Jason Tarkong said yesterday that investigation found the 50-year-old Kapileo in violation of 11 traffic offenses: failure to maintain right half lane for traffic and veering off the

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## PREPPING FOR TRICK OR TREAT

Loly Agulto, 56, tries on a Halloween mask at the National Office Supply along Beach Road in Garapan as she helps a granddaughter pick a mask for her Halloween trick-or-treat. Every year, the Department of Public Safety issues Halloween safety tips to keep everyone out of trouble, including a reminder to adults to keep an eye on their children at all times at sponsored events or have them travel in groups and have an adult along with them.

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# Local

## Hunter: Alepuyo as acting AG is 'terrible injustice'

Although Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has already nominated attorney Joey P. San Nicolas as attorney general, assistant attorney general Viola Alepuyo is still an illegally sitting acting AG until the Senate confirms San Nicolas, according to concerned citizen Glen Hunter.

Hunter filed in Superior Court yesterday supplemental reasons to support his request for a temporary restraining order.

Hunter told reporters that lawyers for Fitial and Alepuyo stated during Friday's hearing that San Nicolas has requested a few weeks before starting to serve as AG and that Alepuyo will still hold the position of

acting AG until a new AG is confirmed by the Senate.

"I think this is a terrible injustice to the people of the CNMI. Those we entrust to uphold and enforce the Constitution and laws of this land are openly violating those same laws and doing it in brazen fashion," he said.

Two weeks ago, Hunter filed a taxpayers' lawsuit that questioned the legality of the continued appointment of Alepuyo as acting AG for more than 30 days now (now over 60 days).

Hunter is suing Fitial and Alepuyo for taxpayer's right of action: illegal expenditure of public funds and breach of fiduciary duty. He is also suing the governor for breach of trust.

All five Superior Court judges recused from the case. This prompted the court to designate Guam Superior Court judge James L. Canto II on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, to preside over the lawsuit as judge pro tempore.

Canto immediately scheduled the following day, Friday, a hearing on Hunter's motion for a temporary restraining order.

Assistant attorneys general Charles Brasington and Reena Patel, counsels for Fitial and Alepuyo, appeared at the hearing.

Canto was inclined to dismiss Hunter's TRO motion since Fitial has already nominated San Nicolas as AG. Hunter, however, explained to the judge that there is still another aspect of his TRO that needs to be addressed: the fact that there is still an illegally sitting acting AG—designated solely by Fitial without the advice and consent of the Senate.

Canto allowed Hunter to elaborate his argument in writing and file it with the court by yesterday, Monday. The judge gave Brasington and Patel until Wednesday, Oct. 31, to respond to the supplemental motion.

Canto said he will conduct a hearing on Nov. 1 to go over the TRO request. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority  
Tourism is everybody's business.

### Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC)



The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) hosts the MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit today (Oct. 30) at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, rallying over 200 youth to discuss the visitor industry of the Northern Mariana Islands.

MTEC is a nonprofit organization promoting community awareness on the importance of the visitor industry in the Northern Marianas. In addition to the tourism summit, MTEC conducts annual educational presentations at public and private schools. The organization also financially supports the formation of new MY WAVE clubs in the schools. MY WAVE club members are encouraged to engage the visitor industry by conducting airport greetings, joining island beautification projects, participating in cultural exchange programs with foreign students, and being hospitable and helpful to visitors.



MTEC membership is open to all interested parties. For more information about joining MTEC, contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas at [mduenas@mymarianas.com](mailto:mduenas@mymarianas.com) or 670.664.3210.

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# Loken is GES' most outstanding teacher

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*Editor's Note: This story is part of a series of articles that Saipan Tribune will be publishing as part of the celebration of Education Month by the Public School System.*

The Garapan Elementary School has named Peter B. Loken as its most outstanding educator, enabling the sixth grade classroom teacher to vie for the Public School System's prestigious Teacher of the Year title for school year 2012.



**PETER LOKEN**  
Teacher of the Year

Loken, who has been with GES since 2007, was selected by his peers to represent them in the upcoming CNMI Teacher of the Year competition after demonstrating excellence and commitment to his job.

Loken said this was his first time to be selected for the honor and is extremely proud and happy for the recognition.

"This is a great honor because there's a bunch of qualified and very capable teachers in our school," he said, adding that he shares the honor with 27 other teachers at Garapan who are equally deserving of the recognition.

Loken, 32 and a father of one, obtained his bachelors degree in psychology in Minnesota and moved to Saipan to join PSS.

Since relocating to the island, Loken said he's been working on his master's degree in education, which he formally received in May from the Framingham State University.

Loken believes that teaching is among the most rewarding professions one can ever have. Coming to school every day to attend to his 32 "children" is always a special moment. Just seeing the successful transition of every student to high school, to college, and then to adulthood brings not only happiness but satisfaction, he said.

## Other awardees

GES also hailed Franz Decena as its Teacher Aide of the Year. Like Loken, he will vie for the PSS overall title next month.

Decena, 28, is a father to two kids. He is a teacher aide III for the special education program.

Decena was also the school's Teacher Aide of the Year in 2010. Like the first time, he described this year's honor as exciting.

"I love the idea of giving back and I love teaching kids. Seeing



**FRANZ DECENA**  
Teacher Aide of the Year

these kids grow and learn from them is a very rewarding feeling," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Decena has been with GES since 2006.

This year's Support Staff of the Year awardee is Laura Matsunaga, GES' school aide for four years since September 2008.

The honor came as a surprise for Matsunaga, who said this was her first time to be selected for the honor.



**LAURA MATSUNAGA**  
Support Staff of the Year

As a school aide, Matsunaga serves as the school's "front person" who coordinates and assists anybody who requests assistance at the main office. Her job also includes recording students' data and assisting teachers and students, among others.

The 28-year-old employee is a mother of three.



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## JGO's probe on \$190.8M PPA also faces rough ride

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The House Judiciary and Government Operations Committee's investigation on a sole-source \$190.8-million power agreement also faces a rough ride because three of its members voted against a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony related to the

power deal, among other things.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the JGO Committee, had to cancel the committee meeting on Friday afternoon not only because there was a public hearing on a proposed Managaha rule but also because only Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) showed up.

Demapan, Yumul, and Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) voted "yes" on the

OIA's Babauta confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* his meeting with health executives yesterday where he relayed his concern on two important issues at CHC: ensuring that the hospital stays open and that it keeps its accreditation with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

He said that OIA will be "sorting out" all recommendations and progress made at the hospital.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta and board chair Jack Torres, meanwhile, confirmed the meeting with OIA but they refused to share what transpired at the meeting.

One thing they admitted, though, was that OIA executives received copies of the CEO's annual report, which was also submitted to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial last Oct. 24.

In Babauta's report, which *Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of, he listed all the progress and developments made by the corporation with its existing management team and the board.

Among the accomplishments cited in the report are in the finances which include meeting personnel payroll and addressing unpaid obligations to vendors; the progress of the revenue cycle management it created; the upgrade on hospital information technology systems; and the hiring and retention of personnel.

The same analysis also identified a shortage of personnel in key areas, which the corporation says is now being addressed. According to a recent annual report, it said that new personnel had been identified and recruitment for essential posts is ongoing.

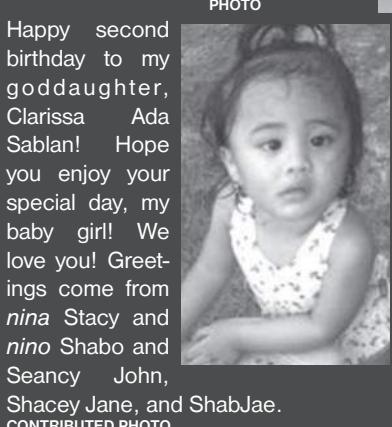
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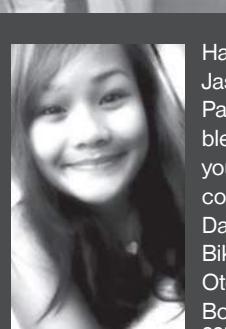
Happy birthday greetings go out to Analyn Rios Nisola! May you many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Jane Montano and family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday, Mom Connie! May the Lord continue to bless you on your special day! Love always, Jeff, Pauline, and Nikki. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy second birthday to my goddaughter, Clarissa Ada Sablan! Hope you enjoy your special day, my baby girl! We love you! Greetings come from nina Stacy and nino Shabo and Seancy John, Shacey Jane, and ShabJae. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to Jasmin Emalyn S. Pagaduan! God bless and we love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Lusy, Trista, Bik, Roma, RJ, Oteza, Mika, Mikey Boy, and Fael. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to Miguel Naputi! We hope you have a wonderful birthday! We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Miki, and the family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy sweet 16th birthday to Rosie Laniyo Spis! Have a blast yet blessed day! We love you! Greetings come from your Partz, Mom and Dad Rorigat, TJ, Maria, Baby Ricky, and KaiLin. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## HOLDER

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The petition to Holder comes days ahead of the Nov. 6 mid-term elections in the CNMI.

Most of the issues cited were the same allegations reviewed by a Special Committee on Impeachment whose report on a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony was shot down by the administration-controlled House leadership.

The panel chairman, Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), said the report shows evidence supporting the articles of impeachment.

These include the illegal release of a federal inmate in January 2010 to give the governor a massage in the wee hours of the morning at his private residence, a sole-source \$392,406 ARRA management contract to a newly-resigned Cabinet member, and police and other higher-ups' alleged use of their power to shield former attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served summons to face charges of public corruption and Hatch Act violations.

Sablan, in an interview, said he has brought some of these corruption issues to the attention of USDOJ officials in the region and higher levels, to no avail.

"There are other ways of getting the attention of Mr. Holder and a public petition is one of those ways," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

nifications Committee from the joint investigation on the 25-year power agreement to build a 50MW diesel power plant.

Demapan said he will reschedule a meeting of the JGO Committee.

His committee has already received documents from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Department of Public Lands, among other agencies,

on the power deal. But the panel held off conducting a hearing to give way to the hearings conducted by the Special Committee on Impeachment.

The impeachment resolution, however, was voted down. The House leadership, aligned with the governor, decided to vote on the resolution even before the committee could complete its report.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MHS Class of '93 reunion meeting today

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 will be having a class reunion meeting today, Oct. 30, 2012, starting at 5:30pm at the Minatchom AtDAO pavilion. If you have any questions, contact Maryann Borja-Arriola at 285-0017 or email Vivian Sablan at vt-sablan@gmail.com. (PR)

### Tinian scholarship board meeting cancelled

This is to inform the general public that the Tinian Municipal Scholarship

Special Board Meeting scheduled for today, Oct. 30, 2012, at 3pm, Mayor's Office conference room is postponed until further notice. (PR)

### Book sale at public library

There will be another Library Friends book sale this Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library starting at 8am and continuing until 12pm. There will be a meeting of the Library Friends immediately following the sale. (LF)

### Air Force training on Farallon

scalp that required six stitches. She was soon released from the Commonwealth Health Center.

Tarkong said the DPS vehicle—a white 1999 Ford F-250 pickup—had minor damage to the right side view mirror.

According to police's investigation, the accident happened on Saturday afternoon on the westbound shoulder lane of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in Kannat Tabla between New Top Store and Coco's Building.

The victim had just finished doing her laundry at the Just Laundry Mat and was walking home on the grassy area on the right shoulder by the westbound lane.

The DPS truck veered off the highway and its right side view mirror struck the pedestrian's head as it ran off the roadway.

The vehicle failed to stop and sped

### de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 1, from 9:30am to 3:30pm and on Nov. 2, from 9:30am to 6:30pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

off west along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road.

A witness, however, saw the police vehicle hit the woman. The witness followed the truck and called 911. The witness stayed on the phone and coordinated with the 911 dispatcher on the exact location of the vehicle and its license plate.

The witness followed the vehicle, which sped west on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road in Chalan Kiya.

The DPS emergency 911 dispatcher received the witness' call at 12:56pm.

Police officers caught up with the truck by Beach Road, Quartermaster. The truck was pulled over and pursuing police officers found out that Kapileo was driving the government vehicle.

Police officers proceeded to New Top Store where they met the injured victim. An ambulance brought her to CHC for treatment.

to save whatever chance is left for re-election," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan said this is not his first time to raise these issues with USDOJ officials.

Sablan and the governor do not see eye-to-eye on a host of local and federal issues affecting the CNMI. The governor, who chairs the local Republican Party, wants Sablan replaced with his Republican delegate candidate. Sablan is an independent but caucuses with Democrats in Congress.

Demapan said the administration can understand why Sablan "is resorting to desperate measures."

"First, because he's never found himself in one-on-one race. Second, because the good old ARRA days are gone and there's nothing else he can claim as an accomplishment. Third, because opencongress.org reports that he had sponsored only 27 bills in his four years in office, and of the 27, absolutely none of them ever became law. Fourth, this election, he is pitted against a candidate who clearly outdoes him in terms of educational qualifications, quite ironic since he is a delegate who proclaims himself as a champion of education. The people deserve much better than these types of tricky political ploys," Demapan said.

Sablan's bills are usually tacked on as riders in major bills so they would move faster and be signed into law such as the delay in the 50-cent annual minimum wage increase in the CNMI. This is a common practice in Congress.

## INSTEAD OF A 'FAT' TAX TO HELP FUND CHC The Legislature should cut its spending by half—Chamber

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REPORTER

Days after Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogunmoro (Cov-Saipan) pre-filed a bill levying a "fat" tax of 5 percent on at least 30 food, drinks, and tobacco products she described as "unhealthy," the Saipan Chamber of Commerce submitted formal comments opposing the bill and instead asks the Legislature to reduce its size and spending by 50 percent and divert those funds to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Ogunmoro's House Bill 17-320 seeks to both combat obesity in the community and help the cash-strapped CHC repay its loans to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

Douglas Brennan, president of the largest business organization in the CNMI, also said the Chamber suggests that the Legislature look at the CNMI and federal governments "as logical candidates to bail out the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.,

### FY12 single audit of NMI govt underway

Public Auditor Michael Pai said the Office of the Public Auditor has arranged with independent auditing firm Deloitte to do the annual single audit of the CNMI government for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2012.

Among other things, a timely completion of the government's single audit helps the CNMI obtain federal funding.

In recent years or since 2009, federal spending and grants pumped into the CNMI have been exceeding local government gross revenue. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said this means the CNMI is now "more dependent on federal dollars."

In a memo, Pai asked government agencies, public corporations, and autonomous agencies to fully cooperate with and assist the Deloitte audit staff.

The CNMI government's

not the very businesses and consumers who are suffering as a result of those that have in part caused the problem."

Brennan said the Chamber also questions the inclusion of peanut butter, chocolate, and soybean oil among the 30 commodities that the bill considers "unhealthy."

"The SCC does not support H.B. 17-320 as written, and we offer that the 17th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature reduce its size and expenditures by 50 percent and divert those funds to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. as a means to address any shortfall in providing essential public health care services the 'fat tax' intends to address," Brennan said in an Oct. 25 letter to Ogunmoro.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) has yet to call for a session and he has yet to assign the "fat" tax bill to proper committees.

Rep. Ray Basa (R-Saipan),

single audit should include the various agencies' single audits, he said. As such, agencies' single audits must be completed in time for inclusion in the government-wide single audit.

U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta is currently on island to share and discuss with stakeholders an Interior-commissioned report that also pointed to, among other things, the CNMI's mounting cumulative deficit of over \$300 million.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said his administration's deficit reduction plan includes setting aside lapsed and surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year and applying them toward reducing the government's cumulative deficit.

Babauta said a copy of the report will be provided to the media on Wednesday. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said yesterday that most likely, the bill will be assigned to his panel because it is a revenue-generating measure, unless the speaker decides to have the bill acted on right away.

Basa said he himself has reservations about the bill, saying the government should not increase any taxes during

times of economic hardships. But at the same time, he said the hospital needs this income stream as part of its business plan that MPLT can use to decide whether to release the remainder of loans to CHC.

"It's not easy to decide on this bill," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

As to the Chamber's suggestion for the Legislature to cut its size and spending by 50 percent,

Basa said "everyone is entitled to their own opinion."

Brennan, in his two-page letter to Ogunmoro, said the Chamber is opposed to any further taxation on business activity in the CNMI, especially taxes that further increase the costs of goods and services where those costs are almost always passed onto CNMI consumers.

"Our economy suffers as a di-

rect result of the increased costs of doing business in the CNMI. Sales for many Chamber members have declined sharply due to a smaller customer base," the Chamber president said.

Brennan added that "increased operational costs in the CNMI are due in part to local government mismanagement and administration, as well as federal legislative initiatives that have led to the loss of 20,000 jobs."

He said other factors, including "extremely expensive utility rates," add to the burden.

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My fellow Americans,

Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has been most effective as the first representative of the Northern Mariana Islands in the U.S. Congress.

Congressman Sablan has assured that your students, teachers, and schools receive greater federal assistance. He has helped to increase funding for health care in your islands. And he has brought you additional support from Washington for the water, sewer, transportation, and electrical infrastructure that is so important for economic development.

Congressman Sablan and I agree that America is a "we're-all-in-this-together" society. Whether you live in my home state of Arkansas or in the Northern Mariana Islands, we are all part of the American family. We all have to help each other. That's how we achieve success in our great country.

I encourage you to give Kilili your vote on November 6.

Sincerely,

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# NMHC approves housing unit for Girl Scouts of NMI

**Saipan Tribune  
will be suspending publication  
of its Saturday issue starting  
November 2012.**



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The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. board unanimously approved Thursday a request by the Girl Scouts of the Northern Mariana Islands for a housing unit it could use as headquarters.

The board made its decision following the report of corporate director Jesse Palacios informing them about the group's request to use the Garapan Annex Unit A13.

"The Girl Scouts of the Northern Mariana Islands is requesting to use the same unit that they've been using before," Palacios addressed the board.

He said the board's approval was needed to allow NMHC to enter in a memorandum of

agreement with the Girl Scouts of the NMI to revive the group and utilize the housing unit as their office.

Palacios noted that the Girl Scouts of the NMI would be required to buy general liability insurance and other coverage, as well as pay for the cost of repairing the unit to convert it into an office space.

NMHC board chair Marcie M. Tomokane said it would be better to let the Girl Scouts of the NMI use the housing unit than to leave it vacant and dilapidated and vulnerable to copper wire thieves.

"They used to occupy it but they've been inactive for years," said Tomokane, who also praised the team behind the revival efforts for the Girl Scouts of the NMI.

## Drunk man threatens kids, resists arrest

A man came home drunk and threatened to beat up his two children and throw them out the door, then resisted police when they tried to arrest him in Tanapag last week.

Mariano N. Rios, 47, was arrested for assault, disturbing the peace, and resisting arrest. His bail was set at \$1,250 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 9am.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman barred Rios from having any contact with family members and reminded him that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Police detective Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that police officers responded to Tanapag

on Oct. 21 at 7:47pm, after receiving a domestic violence call. The officers learned that Rios had just fled after his wife

Another son told Rios to just go to sleep but the defendant got mad and also allegedly threatened to punch and throw him outside.

At this juncture, the wife ran to a neighbor's house and called the police.

The wife told police that Rios becomes violent whenever he is drunk.

When the officers spotted Rios east of their house, he refused to be handcuffed and struggled with one officer. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Chamber tournament achieves goal

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Doug Brennan said the Chamber's goal to raise funds for next year's SCC college scholarship awards was met through proceeds at the 5th annual SCC Golf Tournament this past Saturday at Coral Ocean Point.

"With the tournament's proceeds, and with funds raised at this year's SCC Corporate Challenge and the debate forums held this October, we've met our goal to award \$10,000 in college scholarships in 2013. We couldn't have done it without the outstanding contributions made by our Chamber membership," Brennan stated.

A total of \$20,553 worth of prizes in cash and contributions led to 923 raffle tickets sold, 36 closest-to-the-pin tickets sold, and an additional 35 players on top of 19 hole sponsorships contributed by SCC members. The Chamber will net over \$4,000 for the 2013 scholarship award program.

"We want to thank our premium contributors, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and DFS Galleria. Our hole-in-one sponsors, Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Motors, Takagi & Associates,

and AON Insurance stepped up as they have done in the past," Brennan said.

SCC had hole sponsors totaling 19. They included Microl Corp., First Hawaiian Bank, ASC Trust, Ambyth Shipping Micronesia, Bank of Saipan, MITA, G4S Security Services, MCV, Saipan Stevedore Co., MARPAC, TakeCare Insurance, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Shipping Company, Matson, IT&E, and Tan Holdings.

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"Most important to the winners of the \$3,300 awarded in cash at the tournament, we want to give our most special thanks to Mr. Juan 'Santiago' Tenorio for his heroic deeds," Brennan added. (SCC)

## NEW VISION, NEW DIRECTIONS

My Dear People of Precinct Four,

I am Christopher Duenas Leon Guerrero, a candidate running for Precinct 4 under the House of Representatives. Over the past several years, our people had suffered immensely from a decline in economic outlook, the lack of sustainable foreign investments, slow tourism growth, chaos in public safety, to a lack of public confidence in our leaders' abilities to govern. While I could not say everything I want to in this short commercial spot, I will say this:

I am a candidate running for a public office who pledges to work hard for the People of the CNMI, most especially to my Constituents in Precinct 4 and those residing in the Northern Islands. I will introduce bills or legislation that promote economic growth and hold officers of the Commonwealth accountable for their actions and inactions. I consider the holding of public office to be one that's serious and should represent the interests of our people by upholding the highest principles of our great Commonwealth.

Together we can get this done. I encourage all of you to exercise your right to vote this coming November 6th and in the process, I ask that you vote for me. Christopher Duenas Leon Guerrero, Number Two (2) on the Ballot. NEW VISION, NEW DIRECTION.

Thank you and may God Bless you all!

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# Kilili renews call for weather satellite replacements

As Hurricane Sandy bears down on the East Coast of the United States and forecasters and emergency management officials express concern that a gap in satellite coverage will soon make predicting storm paths more difficult, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) renewed his call for replacing aging weather satellites as quickly as possible.

Sablan is the ranking member of the House Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the agency principally responsible for the satellites. The Subcommittee held a hearing in March on fund-

ing for NOAA and focused on the delays in replacement of the dying satellites.

"Extreme weather conditions have been pummeling our nation," Sablan said. "And climate change is likely to increase the likelihood of severe weather."

"NOAA satellites provide the data necessary for the National Weather Service to predict the paths of hurricanes and typhoons, as well as pinpoint local hazards such as volcanic ash plumes."

"It is vital that our government continue to provide timely and precise forecasts, so that people and businesses can prepare and protect themselves."

Sablan pledged to work in Congress to ensure that

NOAA has resources needed to develop, acquire, operate, and maintain environmental and weather satellites.

In response to congressional concern and critical outside reviews, NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco has ordered an overhaul of the program to replace the Joint Polar Satellite System. The pole-to-pole orbits of the satellites record data over a broad swath of the globe, providing a principal basis for weather forecasters. Lubchenco admitted that "this dysfunctional program has become a national embarrassment due to chronic management problems."

Even with the overhaul, some gap in coverage is likely to occur in coming years. The target launch date for the JPSS replacements is in 2017.

The satellite system monitors global environmental conditions and collects and distributes data related to oceans, weather, atmosphere, land and

near-space environment.

"It is imperative that there can be no further delay in developing and launching the JPSS," Sablan says, "or we are putting lives and property at further risk." (PR)



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## Lower premium for elderly under Medicare Part D

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The monthly plan premium for senior citizens who want to avail of additional Medicare coverage will go down in 2013.

From \$17.10 this year, the monthly premium will be cut to \$9.60—a decrease of almost 44 percent for eligible *man'amko* in the CNMI.

The co-pays or co-insurance will also decrease based on Medicare's Annual Notice of Changes for 2013.

This is welcome news for the islands' elderly, many of whom avail of the Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance open enrollment offered by Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center.

"We have already assisted

over 80 people to enroll," said Brabu co-owner Kathy Yuknavage, referring to the Medicare Part D enrollment.

Medicare Part D, which was enacted as part of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 but took effect on Jan. 1, 2006, is a federal program to subsidize the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.

Individuals are eligible for prescription drug coverage under Part D plan if they are entitled to benefits under Medicare Part A, which covers hospitalization, and Part B, which covers physician's visit.

According to Yuknavage, the coverage for seniors who avail of the open enrollment period will become effective on Jan. 1, 2013.

"However, if they just re-

ceived their red, white, and blue Medicare Part A card this year, their coverage will become effective on their birthday," she added.

Yuknavage noted that if someone failed to enroll in Part D when they first received their Medicare card for Part A, that person will have to pay a late penalty fee unless the person had other insurance coverage such as Medicaid, Aetna, Cal-

vo's or Staywell.

"If they did have other insurance coverage, we will be happy to assist them to fill out and send in the necessary forms to have the late penalty waived. We're here to help," said Yuknavage.

To enroll or for more information, visit Brabu Pharmacy along Middle Road in Gualo Rai or call 233-AMOT (2668).

### Veterans office to host essay tilt

The CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office is hosting its first essay contest to be held at the American Memorial Park Theater on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at 6pm. Please come, support our students, and make this a memorable day. Winners of this contest will be a student guest speaker on Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 2012. (PR)

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 30, 2000

#### No loans awarded by CDA in 1Q

Keeping up with its decision to slowdown on lending amid the borrowers' weakening ability to pay, the Commonwealth Development Authority has not awarded a single loan in the first quarter of the year. According to a report submitted by CDA to the Central Statistics Division of the commerce department, the government's lending arm did not approve of any loan agreement in the period covering January-March 2000 apparently because of rising delinquency rate. Back in 1999, the development authority has consistently awarded an average of \$1.625 million in each quarter which is, however, lower than the previous year's \$2.075 quarterly average.

#### MVA holds off action on gun bill

The Marianas Visitors Authority Board deferred voting on a controversial proposal seeking to establish the so-called shooting resorts in the Northern Marianas. Board members are divided on the issue on whether or not to support HB 12-212, which seeks to ease the tough gun control law in the CNMI. While most of the business groups in the CNMI have already submitted their position on the controversial bill now pending in the Senate, MVA has yet to make a stand on the proposed legislation. During Friday's board meeting, directors Marian Aldan-Pierce and Julian S. Calvo said they were not ready to cast their vote on the issue. Board members Roberta Guerrero and Miyoshi Fujita said they oppose the passage of the bill.

Oct. 30, 2001

#### Kiyu cites CUC for junking power plant

Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez expressed support yesterday for the decision of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to scrap the 60-megawatt power plant on Saipan, describing the decision as reasonable. "[CUC's] decision was recommended by their consultant, Burns & McDonnel. Is it right or wrong to do it now? I think that with the crisis we are in right now, the recommendation is reasonable. If you look around, it's really down. We will have to review our needs," Villagomez said. He recounted that during Burns & McDonnel's presentation of their findings, project manager Kiah Harris pointed out two factors influencing their recommendation to scrap the project: the slowdown in the economy and the adverse ruling in the CUC vs Commonwealth Development Authority case.

#### Saipan road works get \$250K

A local appropriation bill allocating \$250,000 for road paving and other projects now heads to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio after being passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. It was the only bill acted on by the delegation during their session yesterday afternoon. As passed by the delegation, House Local Bill 12-46 intends to tap \$200,000 from the Developer Infrastructure Tax and \$50,000 from the poker license fees for road improvement and construction projects. Of the entire amount, \$200,000 would be used to pave and improve the Sadog Tasi and Chalan Kiya roads on Saipan, while \$30,000 would go toward the roofing and repair of the building being used and occupied by the Saipan Municipal Council.

Oct. 30, 2002

#### Better trash collection mulled

With the CNMI's solid waste program transforming itself into becoming a regional model, a local official yesterday revealed plans to conduct island-wide trash collection. At the same time, Solid Waste manager Alberta Carpenter said the much-awaited closure of the Puerto Rico dumpsite may be implemented in January. The closure of the decades-old dumpsite would be made after the completion of the Marpi landfill by December. Once the new facility is in operation, Carpenter said the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station will start accommodating trash, while recycling newspapers, aluminum and eventually other materials.

#### Senate raises legal question over OPM control

The Senate is determined to verify where exactly in the CNMI Constitution it states that the Office of Personnel Management must be placed only within the auspices of the Civil Service Commission. The Upper House is officially raising the legal question through Senate Resolution 13-26, which seeks to obtain a judicial determination from the CNMI Supreme Court. This comes amid an ongoing debate over the issue of placing the OPM back within the control of CSC, as opposed to its current domicile under the Governor's Office, pursuant to Public Law 13-1.

## CDA honors retired employee

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Development Authority board recognized Friday one of the agency's employees who recently retired after almost three decades of service.

The board, led by chair Pedro I. Itibus, presented Resolution CDA 2012-002 to Joaquin "Jack" B. Flores after Friday's meeting.

Joined by his wife Rose, Flores accepted the resolution and thanked the board for the recognition.

Flores began his career with CDA on June 23, 1983, when he was hired as messenger/maintenance. He rose through the ranks, being promoted to Clerk III to Administrative Assistant, Administrative Specialist, and Building & Maintenance Foreman II.

He retired from CDA on Oct. 6 as Facility Maintenance Coordinator.

In the resolution, CDA acknowledged Flores' "unselfish commitment, loyalty, and dedication" to the agency where he worked for 29 years and three months.

"Mr. Joaquin B. Flores was

a very valuable asset to CDA, especially during the last 10 years of his employment; he served as the primary source of information on CDA's acquired properties, their locations, and previous owners," the resolution reads.

Flores said he will now focus his time and energy managing his apartment rental business called Flores Rentals in Fina Sisu.

He also plans to work on his two farms in Fina Sisu and Aagingan.

"I'm retired but I'm going to stay on island. From time to time, I'll be visiting my kids in the States," said the father of three.

The CDA board, staff, and management sponsored Friday a luncheon in honor of Flores' retirement.



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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint in this matter, a copy of which may be obtained at the law office below or the Superior Court, **within twenty-one (21) days** after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 15, 2012, at 10:30 pm in Courtroom 202A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

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## EDITORIAL

### Microsoft's new tune

Last week Microsoft released an operating system for computers, tablets and smartphones that will put a vast amount of music at users' fingertips, free of charge—with the music industry's blessing. XBox Music, a service integrated into Windows 8, is just the latest in a series of music-related initiatives by the software giant, and its record hasn't been good (seen any Zune music players lately?). Nevertheless, XBox Music could be a turning point in the music industry's fitful adaptation to the broadband era.

The new, advertiser-supported service will let users play songs on demand from an online jukebox, create customized webcasts based on the music of their favorite artists and buy MP3s from an online store stocked with an enormous selection of tracks—in short, a combination of Spotify, Pandora and Apple's iTunes. For \$10 a month, users will be allowed to play an unlimited number of tracks without commercials, as well as access the service on a mobile phone running Windows Phone 8, a new operating system set for release soon. XBox Music is already available on XBox game consoles for a fee, and is expected to be available next year for computers and smartphones that don't run Windows 8.

The features aren't novel; what's different is the degree of integration. Analysts expect tens of millions of people to buy devices with the new version of Windows in the coming months, and every one of them will be able to stream music on demand for free shortly after they hit the power button for the first time.

It took years for the major record companies to accept the idea that letting people play songs on demand for free wouldn't devalue music and kill the business. They now see those services as a chance to generate advertising revenue from casual music fans who've stopped buying CDs, and to persuade more avid listeners to become monthly subscribers for the sake of unlimited, mobile access to music. On the other hand, some artists still aren't convinced that the minuscule per-song royalties paid by subscription and webcasting services will ever add up to anything meaningful. Nor have Spotify or Pandora proved a way to profit from providing free access to music online.

The key to generating more royalties and profits appears to be persuading masses of music lovers to make the leap from assembling a personal collection of songs and albums to relying on an expansive, shared music library in the cloud. Relatively few have done so thus far; subscription music services have been around for more than a decade, but collectively they've signed up only about 3.5 million customers in the United States. If the issue is that most people simply don't see the value in such services, they'll never be more than a niche product. But if the main hurdle is simply a lack of awareness, that's one problem Microsoft is poised to solve in a hurry.

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## Begging your pardon, your holiness

The Dalai Lama, on a lecture tour in New England, was reported by *Time* magazine, to have uttered the F-word. Of course, which F-word he actually said is in question. What transpired, it seems, was a stenographer transcribing his holiness' speech to an electronic screen, heard the F-word, and shortly thereafter, the incident twittered brightly and widely across cyberspace.

Not that I care if his holiness had been listening to too many Chicago Southside rap music that might have gotten the oft-repeated f-word into his vocabulary, or, even as a Freudian slip of personal disgust that he might have revealed the depth of his proficiency in the Anglo-lingo realm, but America's New England evidently cares. Which is to say, that the *Time* report said more about the region than it did his holiness.

Chicago's Southside might have influenced another prominent character, the current occupant of the White House. Obama is quoted in a Rolling Stone magazine article as using the common term 'bullshitter' in reference to Romney. He used the term as an aside after children indicated their preference of him over his opponent. "They can easily spot a bullshitter," he reportedly said.

Now, when we were on the train cutting across farms prior to reaching the grasslands of Inner Mongolia (*Nei Menggu*), we had three primary school age children come over and tweak their English pronunciations upon learning that I was a foreign teacher. Looking at every farm that came into view, I pointed to the materials piled on the yard, and let them give the English name. The logs and grass, eggplants and onions, vines and fences, were easy enough. It was a pile from methane-rich cow and horse dung, used as fuel and soil additive, that they could not identify.

I explained that in polite circles, it is often called "horse manure," while mid-America say "cow shit" with ease, with the expletive "bull shit" handily used in the stockyards. They liked the ring of the last one, so we had three voices scream after we passed each farm, "Bull Shit", to the delight of the Russians in our caboose who evidently were used to the word, along with banging one's shoes on the table during conferences!

Huffington News, the current guardian of manners and Net etiquette for AOL netizens, immediately got huffy and chastised the President for being so crude in using slang on his opponent. Being Atlantic Coast-based, we forgive AOL, though their sentiment would play none in Texas where the Long Horns tend to be earthy and forthright.

The 'beacon upon the hill' that the United States has so long used to characterize itself to the world from its Boston American Exceptionalism origins remains a potent symbol. The symbolism has been of a nation serving as an example around the world, in my book, on the virtues of self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and self-confidence. Sadly, the measure of advancement so far has been from the French

By JAIME R. VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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and the Brits, mostly on manners and right conduct. The reality referred to by so-called vulgar lingo disdains the earthy. We are grateful for the French's *eau de toilette* to cover up failure to bathe in the winter, and Sir Walter Scott's chivalrous coat so Elizabeth would not soil her heels on a London puddle, but vulgarity in words?

A school commencement exercise speaker not too long ago was refused her graduation certificate because she used the word "Hell" in her valedictory address!

Our ears pinged when we read of the Lama's alleged slip, the President's expletive, and the valedictorian's questioned religiosity. The real issue is, indeed, vulgarity. But what constitutes vulgar in our time?

Last week, the U.S. Navy cruised into Manila Bay on a carrier and several destroyers. China's Navy maneuvered around Diaoyu islands, much to the chagrin of the Japanese coast guard. Military exercises from Australia to the Koreas abounded. It was the blatant display of firepower to quickly snuff human breath that caught our attention.

Russia flexed muscles with a nuclear bomb. Syria decimates border folks for defying Damascus, asserting the independence they knew before England and France defined boundaries. An NYPD cop plotted to cannibalize *bon appetit* ladies, and a Saipan veteran cop's honesty gets him reassigned to an entry-level posting.

How come "missile", "WMD", "ICBM" and other forms that reduce the human being into an incidence of fusion and fission not declared vulgar? How is it objectionable to have a word or picture depicting earthy function, when it is OK to boast of the tonnage and decree of one's ability to destroy humanity? How come "corrupt" is not a dirty word?

Chinese has a phrase for "full of hot air." From our summer train ride, we know that one man's BS is another's fertilizer, and we definitely favor its organic function. So, for all of New England, *Rolling Stone*, Huffington and *Time* magazines' hullabaloo on his highness' *'forget it!'* phrase, the President's word about his opponent's widely documented BS, and the valedictorian's shifting religious cosmology to the realm of emotional disdain, we borrow the Zhongwen phrase that literally means hot air, specifically referring to the gaseous element emitted from the posterior. *Fang Pi!*

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## Voters should replace death penalty process

By JIMMY CARTER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**T**he process for administering the death penalty in the United States is broken beyond repair, and it is time to choose a more effective and moral alternative.

Although our government has a fundamental responsibility to protect its citizens, there is little evidence that the death penalty acts as a strong deterrent to murder and other violent crimes. One recent study found that 88 percent of the nation's leading criminologists believe that swift and certain punishment is the best deterrent. The death penalty is neither swift nor certain, with the appeals process in California lasting an average of 25 years. Most inmates who are sentenced to death instead die of old age.

Some studies have suggested that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime, but many others have found no such effect. A 1995 survey of 400 police chiefs, for example, ranked the death penalty last among ways to reduce violent crime. Higher priorities included curbing drug abuse, more police officers on the streets, lowering the technical barriers to prosecution, longer sentences and a better economy with more jobs.

In general, states without the death penalty have lower murder rates than states that have it, a gap that has consistently grown since the 1990s. Southern states carry out more than 80 percent of the executions but have a higher murder rate than any other region. Texas has by far the most executions, and its homicide rate is twice that

of Wisconsin, the first state to abolish the death penalty. Look at similar adjacent states: There are more capital crimes per capita in South Dakota, Connecticut and Virginia (with death sentences) than neighboring North Dakota, Massachusetts and West Virginia (without death penalties).

Moreover, the homicide rate is five times greater in the United States than in any Western European country, none of which employs the death penalty. The United States is practically alone among Western nations in its use of the death penalty. Some 90 percent of the world's executions are carried out by four nations: China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United States. Does the U.S. really want to be in the company of countries with such poor human rights records?

To date, 141 innocent people have been exonerated after being wrongly sentenced to death, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. In 2011 alone, three men in California were exonerated after decades in prison. America is better than this.

A group that includes former wardens, prosecutors and judges has placed Proposition 34 on the ballot in California, which would replace the death penalty with life without the possibility of parole.

Proposition 34 goes further by requiring convicted killers to work and pay restitution to a victim's compensation fund. Since 1973, California's current system has cost the state's taxpayers \$4 billion and has resulted in 13 executions, which works out to about \$307 million per execution. The legislative analyst estimated that Proposition 34 would save California taxpayers an estimated \$100 million annually at first, rising eventually to about \$130 million in savings.

That money would be directed into more DNA testing, crime labs and other tools to help police officers solve rapes and murders, almost half of which go unsolved in the United States.

Some devout Christians, particularly Protestants, are fervent advocates of the death penalty. This view contradicts the teachings of Jesus Christ and misinterprets Holy Scripture, with its numerous examples of mercy. We should remember how God forgave Cain, who killed Abel. He also forgave the adulterer King David, who had Bathsheba's husband killed. Jesus forgave an adulterous woman sentenced to be stoned to death and explained away the "eye for an eye" scripture. The Catholic Church has officially condemned the death penalty, as have the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, Reform Judaism and many other religious denominations.

Perhaps the strongest argument against the death penalty, though, is its extreme bias against the poor, minorities and those with diminished mental capacity. Although homicide victims are six times more likely to be black rather than white, 77 percent of death penalty cases involve white victims. It is hard to imagine a rich white person going to the death chamber after being defended by expensive lawyers. We shouldn't allow a system to continue that places a higher value on the lives of white Americans.

*Former President Jimmy Carter is a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and founder of the nonprofit Carter Center, which advances peace and health worldwide. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*

## Italy blames the messengers

By LAWRENCE M. KRAUSS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**I**used to say, during doctoral examinations in theoretical physics, that the stakes were a bit more relaxed than passing or failing a medical student. After all, granting a doctorate was unlikely to result in life or death for anyone.

Well, an Italian court decided this week that I was wrong. Six scientists were convicted of manslaughter because their data did not allow them to predict a 6.3-magnitude tremor in the city of L'Aquila in 2009 with enough certainty to issue a safety warning. More than 300 people died.

The scientists were members of a national Major Risk Commission. They assessed the situation after a series of small tremors and determined that the likelihood was low, although it was not impossible, that the tremors signaled an imminent earthquake. No one can currently predict the time, location and severity of an earthquake in advance. Seismologists can only issue warnings, with varying degrees of certainty, about the possibility of an impending earthquake. In the case of L'Aquila, the data did not clearly point to the increased likelihood of such an event.

For saying that, these scientists (and a government official) have

been sentenced to six years in prison by the court. It is hard to imagine a worse precedent for exacerbating the sorry relationship between science and public policy.

If officials, who are charged with taking action to protect the public (unlike scientists, who merely provide advice), are to make responsible public policy, they need the most reliable information they can get from scientists. If scientists fear that providing accurate data and assessments will make them liable for whatever comes to pass, then they invariably will either refuse to participate in government advisory panels (and since the court decision, several senior scientists in Italy have resigned their government posts), refuse to provide data, or they will alter their advice to minimize their own later exposure.

One can imagine a host of outrageous scenarios based on this precedent. Take climate science, for example. If sea levels rise at a higher rate than the conservative estimates made by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change, will the IPCC scientists be held responsible as millions are displaced and hardships ensue? Will they bear the liability for governments that have not acted to abate human greenhouse-gas generation?

No one should be found guilty in a court of law merely for telling the truth as they understand it. Science involves uncertainty. Indeed, that is perhaps its greatest strength — uncertainty can be quantified

and thus risks can be assessed. But no one can predict the future with absolute precision. Unlikely events happen rarely, but they happen. In the rare circumstances in which the odds don't pay off, how can anyone be deemed guilty of a crime?

It is impossible to insulate ourselves completely from risks, even if we stay locked in our homes. It is the job of scientists to help the public and governments assess risks as accurately as possible so that they can take appropriate actions. Those carrying out the actions have to determine how large a risk is acceptable to them.

When the Italian scientists said that the data did not suggest an earthquake was imminent, they were not saying that an earthquake would not happen. The real negligence in the Italian tragedy has to do not with the scientists but with educational systems that fail to make science, and its limitations, clear; and with the officials responsible for those systems. That a court anywhere would hold humans accountable for an unpredictable, naturally occurring tragedy suggests that the judges themselves were victims of just such a deficient education.

*Lawrence M. Krauss is a professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration and the director of the Origins Project at Arizona State University. His latest book is *A Universe from Nothing*. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Open letter to Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro

*Buenas yan kun respetu* Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro. First of all, I have nothing against you. My letter is only a matter of concern in regards to your House Bill 17-320 that will tax 5 percent on ice cream, sodas, beer, liquor, tobacco, peanut butter, etc.

Congresswoman, have you ever thought in your mind that introducing this bill of yours would cause an impact for the people

### Free access channel

Dear Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz: First of all, thank you for making the time to discuss matters with me on the present state of our beloved Commonwealth.

One area that inspired me to write this letter is when the subject of transparency came about in our talks. I always wondered why is it that Channel 60 on our local cable television company only airs legislative (both House and Senate) sessions. Yes, I have been keeping up with the impeachment proceedings as it is shown live for the last few weeks. I also wonder if this channel is paid for by our government.

After listening to you explain in detail, I now find that you are to be commended highly. Myself and I'm sure most people have never thought that this Channel 60 is a creation of yours during the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislature. House Bill 15-55, which is the Public Utilities Commission legislation, became Public Law 15-35. This law provides for and mandates all small cable operators to provide 12 hours or more of free public access channel (now Channel 60) and shall air free programs that are

of the CNMI? Have you ever considered that we have suffered enough hardship in our lives? Imagine, the storeowners would have to raise their prices too. I would totally agree with your bill if there was a price control. Have you ever realized that the people are the ones voting you into public office? Have you ever thought and considered this issue? Those tax items you men-

educational, governmental, and or cultural in nature.

While I see sessions aired live, I am a bit saddened that educational and most especially cultural programs have not been shown on this free access channel. As you know, I am a musical artist myself and what better way than to, as you stated, "flood this channel and showcase" the cultural talents that we have here in our great Commonwealth? You also made it clear that it is a matter of producing the footage but that airing it is free! I couldn't agree with you more.

What can we do now? After sending this letter to you, I plan to also send it to the two local newspapers' letter to the editor section, in hopes of providing awareness of this issue. Hopefully someone in the community can run with it and "flood" Channel 60 like it's never been flooded before.

Alexandro Sablan  
Dan Dan, Saipan

tioned are people's everyday needs.

Congresswoman, this is not about people's health. Let the people decide what to do with their health. You are holding them against their will. Let them decide if they want to live shorter or longer. The good Lord is the one who decides when to end lives. Have you ever noticed that the healthiest people die too? Congresswoman, with all due respect, people with or without habits, when their time comes nothing can be done. In my own belief, I would do all my best to enjoy my life while I'm still alive.

No wonder some of the Incumbent from the past and present lost their seats because they did not fulfill their promises to the voting people and did not listen to them.

In closing, I would like to remind you about the speech of President Abraham Lincoln that he gave at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Nov. 19, 1863. In the last paragraph of his speech he states, "and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Ray Agulto  
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

### Whistleblower protection

This is in reference to the article about police officer Peter Camacho. Why is he not protected under the federal Whistleblowers Act? I do not know this person. With all of the corruption over the years, someone has to have the balls to step up. Shame on the CNMI!

Joe Kumnick  
via email

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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## Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 82

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 55
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 36
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 69
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 72
London	Fog	▲ 48 ▼ 42
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 57
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 61
Miami	Windy	▲ 75 ▼ 54
New York	Rain	▲ 58 ▼ 55
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 54
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 55 ▼ 35
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 46
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 53
Salem	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 56
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 53 ▼ 35
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 53
Washington, DC	Rain	▲ 53 ▼ 41

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM	Today	6:03 PM	6:16 AM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Wednesday	6:47 PM	7:06 AM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Thursday	7:32 PM	7:55 AM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Friday	8:20 PM	8:44 AM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Saturday	9:09 PM	9:32 AM

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### DEPARTURES

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

#### ARRIVALS

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

#### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:10pm	Daily

#### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)

UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7
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#### PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)

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# Seven honored at annual Governor's Humanities Awards night

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Two individuals were conferred with the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities Award at the 2012 Governor's Humanities Awards held Friday night at the Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

The late Clara Taman Camacho and Agnes Manglona McPhetres, whose contributions to foster and preserve humanities in the community spanned decades, were honored at the event co-sponsored by the Office of the Governor and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

Fondly known as Nang Clara, Camacho formed a traditional performing arts group in the early '60s and represented the women of the CNMI when she was sent to the islands of Nauru and Tarawa in the '70s.

Camacho, who survived World War II, accomplished not only her domestic responsibilities but also her civic duties, performing at cultural events and ceremonies around the island and volunteered her traditional medicine and healing skills at the naval hospital.

Family members of Camacho, who passed away in 2007, received the award on behalf of one of the community's greatest matriarchs.

McPhetres, on the other hand, was recognized for having been a humanities proponent for more than 50 years. She began her distinguished career in the '50s as an elementary school teacher, rising through the ranks to serve as associate superintendent of education before her appointment as the first president of the Northern Marianas College.

During her 16-year presidency, McPhetres instituted programs that fostered humanities in the island community, including the Pacific Collection at the NMC Library and the NMI Archives, as well as the establishment of the Humanities Council in 1991, where she served as the first board chair.

McPhetres was unable to attend the awarding ceremony.

Friday's event also recognized five other awardees: Dr. Keith L. Camacho for Research and Publication in the Humanities; Tita A. Hocog, Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Tonny Y. Goobad, Preservation of CNMI History; Carmen S. Taimanao and Catherine R. Perry, Outstanding Humanities Teacher.

Goobad, an archivist technician instrumental in developing a catalogue system of contemporary documents at the CNMI Archives, called on the community to preserve the history of the islands for generations to come.

Camacho, an assistant professor of Pacific Islanders Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, was recognized for his extensive research that



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
The Northern Marianas Humanities Council board members pose with the 2012 Governor's Humanities Awards recipients at the ceremony held Friday at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret.

gave rise to the book *Cultures of Commemoration: The Politics of War Memory and History in the Marianas Islands* published this year by the University of Hawaii Press.

Camacho's father, Juan "Pakito" Camacho, said in a separate interview that he is humbled and honored to receive the award for his son whom he described as "very passionate" in the study of the history of the entire Marianas.

"He wants to do something for the islands as much as possible so that the students will have something to use as they move forward into the future," the older Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

Perry, a veteran broadcaster and media consultant who has been hosting the Council's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio show for two years, said she feels like more a facilitator for people involved in the humanities.

She explained that her radio show, which airs every 2pm on Sunday at Power 99, aims to reach a broader audience, particularly those who don't have the time or don't have a strong interest attending the Council's lecture and humanities event.

"It's a great opportunity to learn

what's going on and experience the humanities in an easy way... Every part of our lives relates to humanities," said Perry.

Council executive director Scott Russell said the awards ceremony was a "very appropriate" conclusion to the CNMI

Humanities Month celebration. "Their work, in some cases spanning decades, has brought the humanities—language, culture, history—to our community in a variety of locally relevant ways. We are all richer for their contributions," said Russell.



## Weekly Raffle Winners

PRIZE	TICKET NUMBER	NAME
<b>GC- Overnight Stay for 2 @ Kanoa Resort</b>	<b>7294</b>	<b>Connie Aldan</b>
<b>GC- Lunch Buffet for 2 @ ISLA Cafe</b>	<b>3495</b>	<b>Jonathan B.</b>
<b>GC- fr. Cosmos - \$20.00</b>	<b>6230</b>	<b>Paloma Ong</b>
<b>GC- fr. Cosmos - \$20.00</b>	<b>8006</b>	<b>Amy Babauta</b>
<b>GC- fr. D&amp;Q - \$20.00</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>Francine DLG Basa</b>
<b>GC- fr. D&amp;Q - \$20.00</b>	<b>0185</b>	<b>Novilina Soriano</b>
<b>GC- Dinner Buffet for 1 @ ISLA Cafe</b>	<b>8007</b>	<b>Amy Babauta</b>
<b>GC- Dinner Buffet for 1 @ ISLA Cafe</b>	<b>9164</b>	<b>Clarisa Adlawan</b>
<b>GC- Lunch Buffet for 2 @ ISLA Cafe</b>	<b>7853</b>	<b>P. Hofschneider</b>
<b>GC- Lunch Buffet for 2 @ ISLA Cafe</b>	<b>6261</b>	<b>Shulamita G. Pacala</b>

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# Chief Justice's Investiture

Photos by HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



CNMI and visiting dignitaries join newly installed CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro for a group photo.



CNMI justices and judges are joined by visiting judges and justices from Guam and the Federated States of Micronesia for a group photo with newly installed CNMI Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro.



House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) leads House members in presenting a resolution congratulating CNMI Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro.



CNMI Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro receives a *mwar* from Tracy Guerrero, left, and Angie Mangarero, right, during Castro's investiture ceremony at Guma Hustisia in Susupe on Friday.



Members of the Ave Maria Choir perform the benediction during Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro's investiture ceremony.



Part of the crowd in the CNMI Supreme Court courtroom during Friday's investiture ceremony for Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro.

# Business

## Insurers nervous over prospect of Romney victory

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—You'd think health insurance CEOs would be chilling the bubbly with Republican Mitt Romney's improved election prospects, but instead they're in a quandary.

Although the industry hates parts of President Barack Obama's health care law, major outfits such as UnitedHealth Group and BlueCross Blue Shield also stand to rake in billions of dollars from new customers who'll get health insurance under the law. The companies already have invested tens of millions to carry it out.

Were Romney elected, insurers would be in for months of uncertainty as his administration gets used to Washington and tries to make good on his promise to repeal Obama's law. Simultaneously, federal and state bureaucrats and the health care industry would face a rush of legal deadlines for putting into place the major pieces of what Republicans deride as "Obamacare."

Would they follow the law on the books or the one in the works? What would federal

### Germany: No to new Greek debt haircut

**BERLIN** (AP)—Germany's finance minister has dismissed the idea of governments and other public creditors taking a hit on their Greek debt holdings, arguing that it wouldn't be legally feasible.

However, Wolfgang Schaeuble said in an interview with Deutschlandfunk radio broadcast Sunday that a debt buyback program—under which Greece would get loans that would allow it to pay off debts—might be possible. That, he said, "is not a trick; it is a consideration that can seriously be engaged in."

Greece is pushing for a two-year extension of the 2014 deadline to meet the terms of its bailout program, a move expected to incur substantial extra costs.

Private creditors agreed earlier this year to take a so-called haircut, or restructuring, on their

### Hurricane Sandy grounds thousands of flights

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Airlines canceled more than 5,000 flights mostly as a result of Hurricane Sandy, with hubs along the East Coast bearing the brunt of the disruptions.

According to the flight-tracking service FlightAware, 1,100 Sunday flights have been canceled as of Sunday afternoon, with more than 265 cancellations at Newark Airport, a hub of United Airlines.

For Monday, nearly 4,000 flights were canceled, with 857 cancellations at Newark, followed by 632 at New York's Kennedy Airport and more than 500 cancellations at both New York's LaGuardia and Philadelphia International.

courts tell them to do?

The answers probably would hinge on an always unwieldy Congress.

Things could get grim for the industry if Republicans succeed in repealing the Affordable Care Act's subsidies and mandates, but leave standing its requirement that insurers cover people with health problems. If that's the outcome, the industry fears people literally could get health insurance on the way to the emergency room, and that would drive up premiums.

"There are a lot of dollars and a lot of staff time that's been put into place to make this thing operational," G. William Hoagland, until recently a Cigna vice president, said of the health care law.

Insurers "are not going to be out there saying, 'Repeal, repeal, repeal,'" said Hoagland, who oversaw public policy at the health insurance company. "They will probably try to find the particular provisions that cause them heartburn, but not throw the baby out with the bath water."

The Romney campaign isn't laying out specifics on how the

candidate would carry out his repeal promise, other than to

say the push would begin on his first day in office. Romney

has hinted that he wants to help people with medical conditions,

doesn't say what parts of the health care law he'd keep.



AP

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at a campaign event as his vice presidential running mate Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., listens, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at Koehler Athletic Complex on the campus of the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

### Poll: Scant demand for Microsoft's Windows 8

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Microsoft bills Windows 8 as a "re-imagining" of the personal computer market's dominant operating system, but the company still has a lot of work to do before the makeover captures the imagination of most consumers, based on the results of a recent poll by The Associated

Press and GfK.

The phone survey of nearly 1,200 adults in the U.S. found 52 percent hadn't even heard of Windows 8 leading up to Friday's release of the redesigned software.

Among the people who knew something about the new operating system, 61 percent had lit-

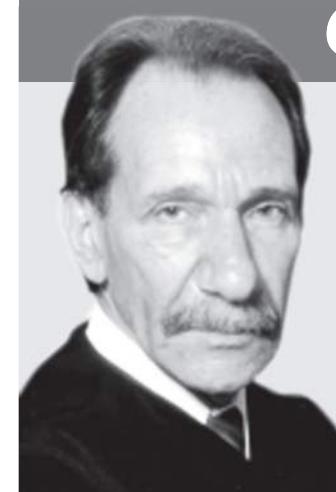
tle or no interest in buying a new laptop or desktop computer running on Windows 8, according to the poll. And only about a third of people who've heard about the new system believe it will be an improvement (35 percent).

Chris Dionne of Waterbury, Conn., falls into that camp. The 43-year-old engineer had

already seen Windows 8 and it didn't persuade him to abandon or upgrade his Hewlett-Packard laptop running on Windows 7, the previous version of the operating system released in 2009.

"I am not real thrilled they are changing things around," Dionne said. "Windows 7 does everything I want it to. Where is the return on my investment to learn a new OS?"

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# Nation

## Sandy and storm surge pose ‘worst case scenario’

**KENSINGTON, Md.** (AP)—The projected storm surge from Hurricane Sandy is a “worst case scenario” with devastating waves and tides predicted for the highly populated New York City metro area, government forecasters said Sunday.

The more they observe it, the more the experts worry about the water—which usually kills and does more damage than winds in hurricanes.

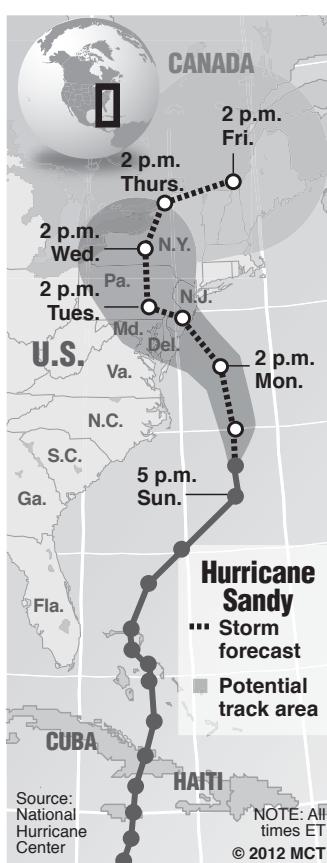
In this case, seas will be amped up by giant waves and full-moon-powered high tides. That will combine with drenching rains, triggering inland flooding as the hurricane merges with a winter storm system that will worsen it and hold it in place for days.

Louis Uccellini, environmental prediction chief for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told The Associated Press that given Sandy’s due east-to-west track into New

Jersey, that puts the worst of the storm surge just north in New York City, Long Island and northern New Jersey. “Yes, this is the worst case scenario,” he said.

In a measurement of pure kinetic energy, NOAA’s hurricane research division on Sunday ranked the surge and wave “destruction potential” for Sandy—just the hurricane, not the hybrid storm it will eventually become—at 5.8 on a 0 to 6 scale. The damage expected from winds will be far less, experts said. Weather Underground meteorologist Jeff Masters says that surge destruction potential number is a record and it’s due to the storm’s massive size.

“You have a lot of wind acting over a long distance of water for hundreds of miles” and that piles the storm surge up when it finally comes ashore, Masters said. Even though it doesn’t pack much power in maximum wind speed, the tremendous size



of Sandy—more than 1,000 miles across with tropical storm force winds—adds to the pummelling power when it comes ashore, he said.

The storm surge energy numbers are bigger than the deadly 2005 Hurricane Katrina, but that can be misleading. Katrina’s destruction was concentrated in a small area, making it much worse, Masters said. Sandy’s storm surge energy is spread over a wider area. Also, Katrina hit a city that is below sea level and had problems with levees.

National Hurricane Center Director Rick Knabb said Hurricane Sandy’s size means some coastal parts of New York and New Jersey may see water rise from 6 to 11 feet from surge and waves. The rest of the coast north of Virginia can expect 4 to 8 feet of surge.

The full moon Monday will add 2 to 3 inches to the storm surge in New York, Masters said.

“If the forecasts hold true in terms of the amount of rainfall and the amount of coastal flooding, that’s going to be what drives up the losses and that’s what’s going to hurt,” said Susan Cutter, director of the hazards and vulnerability research institute at the University of South Carolina.

Cutter said she worries about coastal infrastructure, especially the New York subway.

## Advantage Obama in hunt for 270 electoral votes

**AMES, Iowa** (AP)—President Barack Obama is poised to eke out a victory in the race for the 270 electoral votes needed to win re-election, having beaten back Republican Mitt Romney’s attempts to convert momentum from the debates into support in all-important Ohio, according to an Associated Press analysis a week before Election Day.

While the Democratic incumbent has the upper hand in the electoral vote hunt, Romney has pulled even, or is slightly ahead, in polling in a few pivotal states, including Florida and Virginia. The Republican challenger also appears to have the advantage in North Carolina, the most conservative of the hotly contested nine states that will determine the winner.

While in a tight race with Obama for the popular vote, Romney continues to have fewer state-by-state paths than

ways, which were shutting down Sunday night.

Klaus Jacob, a Columbia University researcher who has advised the city on coastal risks, said, “We have to prepare to the extent we can, but I’m afraid that from a subway point of view, I think it’s beyond sheer preparations. I do not think that there’s enough emergency measures that will help prevent the subway from flooding.”

## Obama to reach 270. Without Ohio’s 18 electoral votes, Romney would need last-minute victories in nearly all the remaining up-for-grabs states and manage to pick off key states now leaning Obama’s way, such as Iowa or Wisconsin.

To be sure, anything can happen in the coming days to influence the Nov. 6 election.

The AP analysis isn’t intended to predict the outcome. Rather, it’s meant to provide a snapshot of a race that has been stubbornly close in the small number of competitive states all year. The analysis is based on public polls and internal campaign surveys as well as spending on television advertising, candidate visits, get-out-the-vote organizations and interviews with dozens of Republican and Democratic strategists in Washington and in the most contested states.

## East Coast storm wreaks havoc on presidential race

**CELINA, Ohio** (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama frantically sought to close the deal with voters with precious few days left in an incredibly close race as this year’s October surprise—an unprecedented storm menacing the East Coast—wreaked havoc on their best-laid plans.

Ever mindful of his narrow path to the requisite 270 electoral votes, Romney looked to expand his map, weighing an intensified effort in traditionally left-leaning Minnesota. Obama sought to defend historically Democratic turf as the race tightened heading into the final week.

Wary of being seen as putting their political pursuits ahead of public safety, the two White House hopefuls reshuffled their campaign plans as the storm approached. Both candidates were loath to forfeit face time with voters in battleground states like Virginia that are likely to be

afflicted when Hurricane Sandy, a winter storm and a cold front collide to form a freak hybrid storm.

“The storm will throw havoc into the race,” said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va.

Obama, preparing to depart for Florida Sunday, a day early to beat the storm, got an update from disaster relief officials before speaking by phone to affected governors and mayors.

“Anything they need, we will be there,” Obama said. “And we are going to cut through red tape. We are not going to get bogged down with a lot of rules. We want to make sure that we are anticipating and leaning forward.”

An opportunity for Obama to demonstrate steady leadership in the face of crisis was offset by the risk that the federal government, as in past emergencies, could be faulted for an ineffective response, with the president left to take the fall.



Two pedestrians walk along the Atlantic City Boardwalk in Atlantic City N.J., Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, as the area prepares for Hurricane Sandy.

## HI tsunami smaller than feared; advisory canceled

**HONOLULU** (AP)—Officials in Hawaii canceled a tsunami advisory for the state’s coastline early Sunday, paving the way for beaches and harbors to reopen after widespread fears of waves generated from a powerful earthquake off the coast of Canada.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center lifted its tsunami advisory Sunday morning just before 4 a.m. local time, three hours after downgrading from a warning and less than six hours after the waves first hit the islands.

Center officials said wave heights were diminishing, though swimmers and boaters should be careful of strong or unusual currents.

The biggest waves—about 5 feet high—appeared to hit Maui. A popular triathlon set for the island was expected to go on as planned, with county lifeguards giving the OK for a 1 mile ocean swim.

There were no immediate reports of damage, though one person died in a fatal crash near a road that was closed because of the threat

near Oahu’s north shore.

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie said the state was lucky to avoid more severe surges.

“We’re very, very grateful that we can go home tonight counting our blessings,” Abercrombie said.

Meanwhile, the National Weather Service canceled tsunami advisories for Canada, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

At first, officials said Hawaii wasn’t in any danger of a tsunami after the 7.7-magnitude earthquake, which

sparked tsunami warnings for southern Alaska and western Canada.

Later, officials issued a warning for Hawaii as well, saying there had been a change in sea readings. About the same time, a tsunami advisory was issued for a 450-mile stretch of U.S. coast running from north of San Francisco to central Oregon.

A small tsunami created by the quake was barely noticeable in Craig, Alaska, where the first wave or surge was recorded Saturday night.

# Asia



Former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, center, who is currently under hospital arrest, is wheeled into the courtroom of the Sandiganbayan (Anti-graft Court) upon arrival for her arraignment Monday, Oct. 29, 2012 at suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila, Philippines.

## Ex-PH leader pleads not guilty to plunder

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A Philippine court entered a not-guilty plea Monday for former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on charges she misused \$8.8 million in state lottery funds in the third corruption case against her.

Arroyo is suffering from a neck ailment, and police brought her to the anti-graft court from a military hospital. She was admitted days before the court served the arrest warrant against her on plunder charges early this month and ordered her confined under guard.

Arroyo, 65, appeared in a wheelchair and wore a neck brace with a pink scarf. She refused to enter a plea and prompted the

judge to record not guilty on her behalf. Nine other people, mostly former officials of the state lottery agency, also are charged in the case. They allegedly conspired with Arroyo during her last years in office to divert public funds for her personal gain.

If found guilty, they could face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Arroyo's lawyers say the witnesses against her had no personal knowledge of the transactions of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. They have appealed to the Supreme Court to have the case dismissed.

Arroyo finished her tumultuous nine-year term in 2010. Since then, she has been separately

charged with vote fraud and in another corruption case but posted bail. She had already spent eight months under hospital arrest before she was discharged in June.

Arroyo has accused her successor, Benigno Aquino III, of pursuing a political vendetta. Aquino was overwhelmingly elected on a promise to rid the Philippines of corruption and has vowed to prosecute Arroyo and her inner circle, blaming them for stealing money for personal gain and for a culture of impunity in which corrupt practices flourished.

The government has already denied Arroyo's request to seek medical treatment abroad, saying she may not return to face the charges.

## Chinese officials bow to protests against factory

**NINGBO, China** (AP)—After a weekend of protests by thousands of citizens over pollution fears, a local Chinese government relented Sunday and agreed that a petrochemical factory would not be expanded, only to see the protesters refuse to halt their demonstration.

The standoff in the prosperous city of Ningbo has highlighted the deep mistrust between people and the government in China. Should they continue, the demonstrations would upset an atmosphere of calm that Chi-

nese leaders want for a transfer of power in the Communist Party leadership next month.

The protest in the eastern city, which comes at a sensitive time in China's political calendar, had swelled over the weekend and led to clashes between citizens and police. The Ningbo city government said in a statement Sunday evening that they and the project's investor had "resolutely" agreed not to go ahead with the expansion. The factory is a subsidiary of Sinopec, one

Liu Li, 24, a Ningbo resident, said the crowd did not believe the government's statement.

been transported to a hospital. There was no claim of responsibility but Pakistani militants such as the Taliban have been blamed for previous such attacks. The militants follow a strict version of Islam and they claim visiting shrines is not allowed.

### India premier inducts younger ministers in Cabinet

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reshuffled his Cabinet

on Sunday in a bid to overhaul his government's image ahead of state and national elections over the next 18 months. Seven new ministers and 15 junior ministers took the oath of office at a brief ceremony to mark the changes aimed at bringing in younger faces into the Cabinet. The portfolios of the new ministers were not announced immediately. Traditionally, responsibilities of the ministers are announced several hours after they are sworn in.

# World

## Syria truce collapse shows limits of diplomacy

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syria's air force fired missiles and dropped barrel bombs on rebel strongholds while opposition fighters attacked regime positions Sunday, flouting a U.N.—backed cease-fire that was supposed to quiet fighting over a long holiday weekend but never took hold.

The failure to push through a truce so limited in its ambitions—just four days—has been a sobering reflection of the international community's inability to ease 19 months of bloodshed in Syria. It also suggests that the stalemated civil war will drag on, threatening to draw in Syria's neighbors in this highly combustible region such as Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

"This conflict has now taken a dynamic of its own which should be worrying to everyone," said Salman Shaikh, director of the Brookings Doha Center think tank.

The U.N. tried to broker a halt to fighting over the four-day Eid

al-Adha Muslim feast that began on Friday, one of the holiest times of the Islamic calendar. But the truce was violated almost immediately after it was supposed to take effect, the same fate other cease-fires in Syria have met.

Activists said at least 110 people were killed Sunday, a toll similar to previous daily casualty tolls. They include 16 who died in an airstrike on the village of al-Barra in northern Syria's mountainous Jabal al-Zawiya region.

The Observatory also reported a car bomb that exploded in a residential area in the Damascus neighborhood of Barzeh and wounded 15 people, but the target was not immediately clear.

Though Syria's death toll has topped 35,000, the bloodiest and most protracted crisis of the Arab Spring, the West has been wary of intervening. There is concern about sparking a wider conflagration because Syria borders Israel and is allied with Iran and the powerful Lebanese

militant group Hezbollah.

There are already increasing incidents of the civil war spilling across borders.

Many in Lebanon blame Syria and Hezbollah for the Oct. 19 car bomb that killed the country's intelligence chief. The assassination stirred up deadly sectarian tensions in Lebanon, where Sunnis and Shiites are deeply divided over the Syrian civil war, raising the specter of renewed sectarian fighting.

Lebanon's two largest political coalitions have lined up on opposite sides of Syria's civil war. Hezbollah and its partners who dominate the government have stood by Assad's regime, while the Sunni-led opposition backs the rebels seeking to topple the Syrian government. Assad and many in his inner circle are Alawites—an offshoot of Shiite Islam and a minority in Syria—while the rebels come mostly from the country's Sunni majority.

## Libyans disillusioned with government amid chaos

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—The protesters converged on the conference center housing Libya's newly elected congress, trying to force their way in past startled guards. Mostly young and half of them women in headscarves, they demanded an end to the siege of the town of Bani Walid, where the government was in the midst of an attack to uproot holdouts from Moammar Gadhafi's former regime.

Police rushed to the scene. But in Libya, the police are actually militias, in this case from the Tripoli neighborhood of Souq al-Jumaa that last year lost several men in a battle with Bani Walid residents. Instead trying to control the crowd, the "police" dressed in t-shirts and pants of a military uniform exchanged threats with protesters and then mounted a rival demonstration of their own. Soon they were firing their assault rifles in the air to intimidate the protesters.

As tensions soared, a dozen pickup trucks mounted with

anti-aircraft guns and carrying soldiers in newly pressed camouflage uniforms pulled up to parliament, swiveled their guns forward and fired in the air as an apparent crowd-control method. The deafening noise of a dozen heavy-caliber machine guns sent demonstrators running and filled the upscale neighborhood with the sounds of battle. Blocks away, shocked bystanders wondered if one

year after the civil war ended, Libya had gone back to war.

After a year of turmoil since Gadhafi's ouster and last month's killing of the American ambassador, Libyans are disappointed, disillusioned and increasingly angry at their government. They complain that their leaders have not acted forcefully to address the most pressing problems—particularly the free rein of the country's many militias.

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# Overdrive

## Automakers dream up new ways to use wasted energy

By BRAD BERGHOULD  
MCCARTHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Generating electricity on the fly is done in several ways with conventional, hybrid and full electric vehicles. To do so requires a conversion from mechanical or kinetic energy to electrical energy. Mechanical energy, whether it's the vehicle's alternator—a component that recharges the battery and powers the electrical system—or a mechanically driven generator, requires input energy, which begins at the fuel tank. Fuel must be burned to create the force to spin the generator, so there's no free lunch. Kinetic energy from

the vehicle's motion, however, can be harvested as the vehicle coasts or brakes. Conventional vehicles may crank up the alternator during coasting and braking, a trick borrowed from hybrid and electric vehicles, making up for allowing the alternator to go off at other times. Selective usage of the alternator saves a small but measurable quantity of fuel.

Regenerative braking is used by hybrid and full electric vehicles to harvest kinetic energy that is lost during braking. Rather than converting energy to brake heat, it can be channeled back to the drive battery by using the generator to slow the vehicle. The Chev-

rolet Volt goes a step further when the plug-in battery pack becomes depleted. A modest gasoline-powered engine spins a generator, providing energy for the electric drive motor. This extends the car's range far beyond the battery pack's moderate capacity.

Here's what all this boils down to: Aside from regenerative energy, which is free for the taking, you need to bring most of the energy along from home or the filling station. Other means of energy storage are not far off, such as super-capacitors for electricity, flywheels to store kinetic energy, hydraulic accumulators and compressed air.

There's plenty of energy management taking place in conventional vehicles as well. Many employ electric air conditioning and power steering, reducing the mechanical burden on the engine. A continuously variable transmission can keep the engine at its most efficient speed, and variable valve timing, intake manifold tuning, electronic throttle and direct fuel injection increase engine efficiency far beyond what we've known in the past.

Smaller, turbocharged engines are exploiting these technologies to produce 135 horsepower per liter of displacement, as seen in the Cadillac ATS, along with

great fuel economy and emissions numbers. Stop-start engine technology, borrowed from hybrids, is making its way into conventional vehicles, along with continual improvements in aerodynamic and friction reducing strategies.

This is an exciting time to be an automobile enthusiast—innovation and enhancements are

happening at a far greater pace than ever before.

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## Nissan Maxima should recover from an accidental use of diesel

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)



**QUESTION:**  
I have a 2009 3.5-liter Nissan Maxima with 39,000 miles. Recently I filled the car with 16 gallons of premium fuel, drove about 50 miles and returned home. Later that day, my car wouldn't run. We discovered that the fuel tank at the gas station had been filled with diesel fuel. My car was repaired at a Nissan dealership. Repairs and out-of-pocket costs will be reimbursed by the gas station insurance. How concerned should I be about the possibility of issues developing later that would affect my car's performance or value?

**ANSWER:** Very little. As long as the diesel fuel was completely flushed from all parts of the fuel system, I don't think there will be any long-term mechanical or drivability effects. In my opinion, there should be very little if any long-term impact on the vehicle's value.

**Q:** I recently purchased a 1999 Lexus RX300 AWD, with 131,000 miles, that has been very carefully maintained by the one previous owner. When I first start out on chilly mornings, I notice that the automatic transmission stays in second after shifting up from first until the car reaches nearly 40 miles per hour. It stays in second even if I can feel the transmission drag when I back off the accelerator to slow down. It doesn't shift up to third until it's over 40 mph or until it warms up, which is usually within a mile or so. Is there a sensor that tells the transmission when to shift based upon temperature, speed and rate of acceleration? If so,

should I have a technician diagnose the problem or does this sound like normal operation for this make and model?

**A:** Carmakers program transmission control modules to hold lower gears longer to aid in warm-up of the vehicle's lubricants and the catalytic converter. Doing so reduces emissions and fuel consumption by bringing the vehicle up to full temperature and "closed loop" operation quicker. In this case, rather than the second-to-third shift, I suspect it's the delayed third-to-fourth/overdrive upshift that you're experiencing.

It's one of those characteristics that doesn't feel very good but isn't doing any harm.

*Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver. Readers may write to him at: Star Tribune, 425 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55488 or via email at paulbrand@startribune.com. Please explain the problem in detail and include a daytime phone number. Because of the volume of mail, we cannot provide personal replies.*

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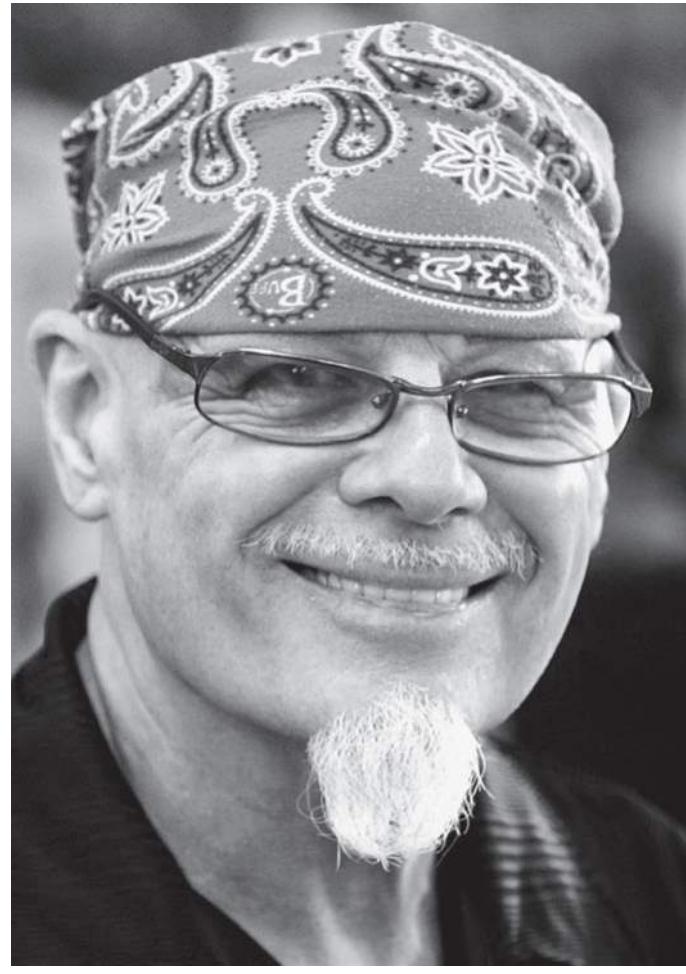
*On Monday, October 29, 2012 at 3:00pm, the body will be taken to his residence for viewing and last respect.*

*On Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 3:00pm, the Eucharistic Celebration Mass will be held at San Jose Church, followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.*

*Olomwaay from the family*

# Life & Style

## Reports: UK rocker arrested as part of Savile case



In this March 3, 2006 file photo, former British rocker Gary Glitter smiles at journalists prior to his verdict and sentencing at Ba Ria-Vung, Vung Tau province People's Court in Vietnam.

By SYLVIA HUI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LONDON** (AP)—Police investigating child sex abuse allegations against the late BBC television host Jimmy Savile arrested former glam rock star and convicted sex offender Gary Glitter on Sunday, British media reported, raising further questions about whether Savile was at the center of a broader pedophile ring.

Police would not directly identify the suspect arrested Sunday, but media including the BBC and Press Association reported he was the 68-year-old Glitter.

The musician, whose real name is Paul Gadd, made it big with the crowd-pleasing hit "Rock & Roll (Part 2)," a mostly instrumental anthem that has been a staple at American sporting events, thanks to its catchy "hey" chorus. But he fell into disgrace after being convicted on child abuse charges in Vietnam.

Sunday's arrest was the first in a widening scandal over Savile's alleged sex crimes, which started garnering attention earlier this month when a television documentary showed several women claiming that Savile abused them when they were teenagers. Hundreds of potential victims have since come forward to report similar claims to police against Savile, a much-loved children's TV presenter and disc jockey who died at the age of 84 last year.

Most have alleged abuse by Savile, but some said they were abused by Savile and others.

nam of committing "obscene acts with children"—offenses involving girls aged 10 and 11. He was deported back to Britain in 2008.

In 2006, the NFL advised its football teams not to use the Glitter version of "Rock and Roll (Part 2)" at games.

One witness recently told a BBC-TV show that she once saw Glitter having sex with a schoolgirl in Savile's dressing room at the broadcaster's TV center in the 1970s. Glitter has denied the allegations.

Police have said that though the majority of cases it is investigating relate to Savile alone,

some involve the entertainer and other unidentified suspects. In addition, some potential victims who reported abuse by Savile also told police about separate allegations against unidentified men that did not involve the BBC host.

The scandal has horrified Britain with revelations that Savile, the longtime host of the popular BBC shows "Top of the Pops" and "Jim will Fix It," allegedly cajoled and coerced vulnerable teens into having sex with him in his car, his camper van, and even in dingy dressing rooms on BBC premises. Police describe him as one of the worst sex of-

fenders in recent history.

The BBC has set up an independent inquiry into the corporation's culture and practices in the years Savile worked there. It also launched a separate inquiry into why its managers shelved an investigation into the allegations.

But the scandal continues to put the broadcaster under pressure, and it seems likely that more people—either outside or inside the corporation—could be implicated.

"It could be the beginning of other high-profile arrests," Roy Greenslade, a journalism professor at London's City University, said in an interview with The

Associated Press on Sunday.

Max Clifford, a prominent public relations guru, claimed that dozens of celebrities from the 1960s and 1970s have approached him to express fear that they could be drawn into the scandal and criticized for their hedonistic behavior in the past.

Greenslade said that while Glitter's arrest must be a huge concern to the BBC, it is too early to say that the broadcaster's reputation is in crisis.

"If any BBC employee is shown to be involved, then there would be a nosedive in public trust," he said. "But nothing at the moment has been proven."

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Cast: Adelaide Clemens, Carrie-Anne Moss  
Genre: Horror • Rated R

### Synopsis

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Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Monday thru Thursday	4:15	7:15	

Cast: Victoria Justice, Thomas Mann, Chelsea Handler  
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### A Secret Affair

Friday	4:10	7:10	9:40
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Monday thru Thursday	4:10	7:10	

Cast: Anne Curtis, Derek Ramsay, Andi Eigenmann  
Genre: Romance, Drama • Rated PG 13



### Paranormal Activity 4

Friday	4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Monday thru Thursday	4:05	7:05	

Cast: Stephen Dunham, Alexandra Lee  
Genre: Horror • Rated R



### Here Comes The Boom

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Monday thru Thursday	4:00	7:00	

Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek  
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG



### Pitch Perfect

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:55
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Monday thru Thursday	4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt  
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13



### Hotel Transylvania 3D

Friday	7:25	9:50
Saturday	1:25	7:25
Sunday	1:25	7:25
Monday thru Thursday	7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG



### Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday	4:25
Saturday	4:25
Sunday	4:25
Monday thru Thursday	4:25

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James  
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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# 'Argo' finally tops box office with \$12.4M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It took three weeks, but "Argo" finally found its way to the top of the box office.

The Warner Bros. thriller from director and star Ben Affleck, inspired by the real-life rescue of six U.S. embassy workers during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis, made nearly \$12.4 million this weekend, according to Sunday studio estimates. "Argo" had been in second place the past two weeks and has now made about \$60.8 million total.

Debuting at No. 3 was the sprawling, star-studded "Cloud Atlas," which made a disappointing \$9.4 million. The nearly three-hour drama, also from Warner Bros., was co-directed by siblings Lana and Andy Wachowski and Tom Tykwer and features an ensemble cast including Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Hugh Grant playing multiple roles over six story lines.

Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros., said the studio thought there might be a good chance of "Argo" coming out on top this weekend.

"We're thrilled. An accomplishment like that is well deserved, they don't happen very often. You would probably have to do a lot of searching to find a movie that opened in wide release to have two No. 2 weekends in a row and hit No. 1 in the third week," Fellman said. "It's a tribute to the film. Word-of-mouth has taken over the campaign. We have a long way to go, we have a lot of year-end accolades which will approach, and we'll see what happens in terms of the Academy."

On the flip side, Fellman acknowledged that "Cloud Atlas" underperformed compared to hopes that it would end up in the \$11-12 million range domestically. The movie had an estimated budget of \$100 million. But he pointed out that it



This film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Ben Affleck as Tony Mendez, center, in "Argo," a rescue thriller about the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. AP

had a higher per-screen average than any other film opening in the top 10 with \$4,681.

It was a soft weekend all around, though, with several newcomers opening poorly, Hollywood.com box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian pointed out. The horror sequel

Fox 2000, didn't even open in the top 12—it came in at No. 13 with \$2.2 million.

"The whole marketplace felt more like September than October. Back in September, we had four down weekends in a row. There was no momentum in the marketplace," Dergarabedian

1. "Argo," \$12.4 million. (\$5 million international.)
2. "Hotel Transylvania," \$9.5 million. (\$18.1 million international.)
3. "Cloud Atlas," \$9.4 million.
4. "Paranormal Activity 4," \$8.7 million. (\$14.1 million international.)
5. (tie) "Silent Hill: Revelation 3-D," \$8 million.
6. "Taken 2," \$8 million. (\$10.1 million.)
7. "Here Comes the Boom," \$5.5 million.
8. "Sinister," \$5.07 million.
9. "Alex Cross," \$5.05 million.
10. "Fun Size," \$4.1 million.

said. "When a holdover is No. 1, it reflects a lack of strength in the marketplace. Every week should have a new movie topping the chart."

As for the philosophical,

centuries-spanning "Cloud Atlas,"

he said: "To have a big bud-

get, b) Tom Hanks and c) it's a big, epic film, it doesn't necessarily follow that it's going to be a big box office hit. I admire that they went for it."

But there's hope on the horizon with the animated comedy "Wreck-It Ralph" coming next weekend, the latest James Bond film, "Skyfall," opening Nov. 9 and the final installment in the "Twilight" saga due out Nov. 16. "Skyfall" opened this weekend overseas with a whopping \$77.7 million in 25 countries.

"This is just one of those box office weekends we'd rather forget," Dergarabedian said. "Unless you're 'Argo.'"

Estimated ticket sales are for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

## Sarah Jessica Parker among stars honoring fashion

NEW YORK (AP)—Fashion may have been the focus of the Night of Stars gala in New York, but actress Sarah Jessica Parker was more interested in talking politics.

"I think there's an enormous amount at stake, it concerns me," said the "Sex and the City" star of the U.S. presidential election. She said she would be in "great despair" if President Barack Obama lost the vote to Republican Mitt Romney in the Nov. 6 election.

I'm speaking up "for women in this country who rely upon social programs—not because they're lazy, not because they don't want to work hard, not because they feel entitled—but because they need access to basic health care that we all, the privileged few or many of us, sort of take for granted."

Parker was at the downtown soirée to present the Lord & Taylor Fashion Oracle Award to designer L'wren Scott, a celebrity favorite and staple of the red carpet.

Carolina Herrera won Fashion Group International's top honor, the Superstar Award, presented by her longtime friend and client, Renee Zellweger.



# Schwarzenegger to star in 'The Legend of Conan'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger is coming back—as Conan the Barbarian.

Universal Pictures says California's former governor will star in "The Legend of Conan," an action film being developed for the actor. Deadline Hollywood was the first to report the news Friday.

The 65-year-old Schwarzenegger starred in two previous films about the mythic hero: 1982's "Conan the Barbarian" and 1984's "Conan the Destroyer."

Schwarzenegger told Deadline he loves the character and is "honored" to play him again.

In this Jan. 13, 2009 file photo, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger brings the sword he used in the movie "Conan The Barbarian," to the conference table before the start of budget negotiations with legislative leaders at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

AP



## Bond film 'Skyfall' makes big debut overseas

By AMY KAUFMAN

LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—Sony Pictures is spying a hit in its latest James Bond film, as "Skyfall" premiered at No. 1 in 25 foreign countries this weekend.

The film, starring Daniel Craig in the 23rd entry featuring 007, collected an impressive \$77.7 million overseas this weekend, according to an estimate from Sony, which is distributing the film internationally. "Skyfall," financed by Sony and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for just under \$200 million, doesn't hit U.S. theaters until Nov. 9.

Of the 25 international markets that the film played in this weekend, it easily did best on Bond's home turf, Britain. The picture sold \$32.4 million worth of tickets there—the biggest opening of the year so far and 30 percent ahead of the opening for



From left, Spanish actor Javier Bardem, French actress Berenice Marlohe, British actor Daniel Craig and British film director Sam Mendes pose for photographers as they arrive for the French Premier of Skyfall at a cinema on the Champs Elysees Avenue in Paris, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012.

## Spain's 2012 Prince of Asturias awards handed out



Prince of Asturias prize winners for Sports, Real Madrid soccer player Iker Casillas, left, and FC Barcelona soccer player Xavi Hernandez, right, hold their prizes during an awards ceremony in Oviedo, Spain, Friday Oct. 26, 2012.

Spain national soccer team players Iker Casillas and Xavi Hernandez received the sports

award, while Spanish architect Rafael Moneo was honored in the arts category.

Craig's last Bond film, 2008's "Quantum of Solace."

Business also was strong in France, where the movie grossed \$9.1 million, and in Russia, where receipts amounted to \$8.6 million. "Solace" ultimately collected \$417.7 million abroad, roughly 71 percent of its worldwide gross.

The strong international bow for "Skyfall" bodes well for its U.S. prospects, especially since early reviews have been exceptionally positive. As of Sunday, the movie had earned a 94 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

## Management: Lil Wayne hospitalized and released

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Lil Wayne is thanking fans who prayed for him while he was hospitalized after a severe migraine and dehydration.

The rapper's management team says he's on "mandated rest." The Blueprint Group said Friday that Lil Wayne was released



Wayne

from the hospital treatment and will return to work soon. It says the New Orleans-based rapper appreciates his fans' support and love.

Lil Wayne tweeted Saturday he's "good." He says, "Thanx for all the prayers!"

The 30-year-old multiplatinum performer is working on a follow-up to his last album, last year's "Tha Carter IV."

## Teachers have enough to do without having to do it all

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** "Chaplin, Conn., Reader" (Aug. 16) suggested that teachers should be sharing life lessons with children. Unfortunately, many people in our society believe it—including parents. Students come to us with ever-increasing deficits in many non-curricular areas. But it is NOT the job of public educators to teach them the importance of families, helping grandparents, caring for household pets, etc.



Dear Abby

If these things come up in the course of the day and there is a need to address them, we try to clarify any misconceptions. But taking time to prepare and teach a lesson on any of these small but important subjects is no longer an option. The demands placed on teachers today are vast and complex. Just getting parents to follow through at home on school responsibilities is a job in itself. Many of them don't seem to think they need to help their kids be successful in school.

### SEEN IT ALL IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR SEEN IT ALL:** Thank you for your comments. The letter from "Chaplin, Conn. Reader" brought a HUGE number of responses on this issue, primarily from teachers:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have worked in an elementary school for nine years. A teacher is a counselor, doctor, social worker and behavioral specialist all in one. Kids come to class dirty, hungry, tired, with no manners or clue about the alphabet or counting. Teachers have halted lessons because a child is in a meltdown. Some kids have never held a pencil or scissors, and don't know how to share or take directions from an adult. It's sad to hear them say they have no crayons at home or books to read. As for testing, unless the parents do THEIR job, we will see little improvement in scores. And no, I don't work in a big-city school district—this is a nice suburban area.

### STILL LOVE MY JOB

**DEAR ABBY:** I spend half my teaching time on behavioral issues, social skills, bullying, how to work in a group and just trying to hold kids' attention. Many children today are so used to constant stimulation from TV, video games, texting, etc., that their attention spans max out at 30 seconds. I practically have to sing and dance to reach them or they tune out. I suggest "Chaplin" go to a school, volunteer, and try to become a part of the solution instead of adding to the burden of already overworked teachers.

### TEACHING IN TACOMA

**DEAR ABBY:** You said parents should be the ones teaching the kinds of things the Connecticut reader wrote about. Then you asked where the parents are. Let me tell you! They're too busy on their smartphones talking to or fighting with their latest boy- or girlfriend, playing electronic games, out drinking and partying so much they don't know or care where their kids are. Parents who actually spend time with their children and give them undivided attention are sadly in the minority. Those who help to teach them are even fewer in number.

### KANSAS READER

**DEAR ABBY:** You are correct that teachers are overwhelmed by many curricular, legislative and administrative demands. However, educators can continually instill many of these life lessons into students by acting as positive role models who consistently demonstrate core values such as integrity, respect and determination. Students tend to do and learn what they see even more than what they are told—by parents AND teachers.

### ANNE IN NEVADA

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a retired physical education teacher. One day during a health class, a mother of one of my students came to school and told me I should teach "morals and manners" to her daughter. My response: "Ma'am, if you couldn't do that in 14 years, I can't do it in 40 minutes a day."

### REMEMBERS IT WELL

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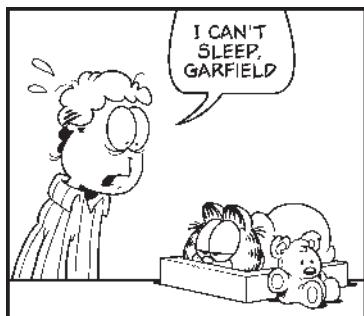
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson

## Garfield®



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By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15	Soared	51 Help in a acces-sory	9 Egg	31	Smaller plateau	29	rainout	29	
17	Choose the best	52 "Tasty!"	10 Farmer's home?	34	Persian Gulf nation	30	rainout	30	
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26	Demonstrated, as when on strike			41	Cold War weapon (Abbr.)	36	rainout	36	
30	Chaps			44	Debt notice	37	rainout	37	
31	Chess wins			45	Pair	38	rainout	38	
32	Consumed			46	"A mouse!"	39	rainout	39	
33	Sank a billiard ball			47	Parched	40	rainout	40	
35	Caspian feeder								
36	Addict								
37	William Tell's target								

Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 10-30

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Matthew Morrison, 34; Gavin Rossdale, 47; Harry Hamlin, 61; Henry Winkler, 67.

**Happy Birthday:** Partnerships will be intense, but if they are handled properly, they can turn out to be beneficial. Social, financial and creative alterations should be embraced once you have all the facts and figures to clarify what you will receive once you make a move. Your disciplined attitude will outmatch opposition. Your numbers are 7, 16, 22, 24, 28, 32, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Follow your instincts, not what others push on you. Love is highlighted, but you must be the one in charge. Make suggestions based on what you find entertaining. A creative idea you have should be developed for future use. ★★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't make any hasty decisions regarding financial matters. Less will end up being more, and prudence will turn out to be a wise choice. Partnerships can be re-established. Show your strengths, not your weaknesses. ★★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll spin in several different directions, which may work for you, but you will confuse someone trying to keep up. Slow down and discover what others have to offer. An unusual approach to using your skills will bring high returns. ★★★

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Respond to what's being done and said. It's staying on top of a situation that will make you look good. Your skills coupled with your innovative ideas will bring you greater recognition.

Don't worry about the changes others make. Do your own thing. ★★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep a low profile. Let others make the first move. Stability is what you should be striving to maintain. A change in the way you do things or the way you portray your image will help to spice up your personal life. ★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being up front may cause a scene, but it will get you what you want. Seek answers from outside your immediate family and you will get a better understanding of how your personal situation is perceived and how to make it better. ★★★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk matters through and come to decisions based on honesty and what works for the majority. Problems will arise if anyone refuses to compromise. A change of plans will lead to a turning point in a relationship you have with someone. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got all the right moves. Make interesting alterations to your home and family life that will bring you greater respect and control regarding future projects and choices. Don't let someone's change of heart bother you. Let go and keep moving. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hang on to what you've got. Talk over financial plans with someone you want to spend more time with. Collaboration will help you determine what your next move should be. Take control when it comes to love and commitment. ★★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen carefully to what's being offered. Make amendments to suit your needs. As long as you are reasonable you will get your way. Share your valuable point of view and it will help generate more long-term benefits. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are strong-willed and in control. You are original, creative and competitive.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	4	8	9	7	6	3	5	2
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9	5	1	7	4	2	8	6	3
4	1	9	2	5	7	6	3	8
5	7	2	8	6	3	1	4	9
6	8	3	1	9	4	5	2	7

Difficulty Level ★★

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

ERNEST BORGnine (1917-2012)

By DAVID OUELLET

Solution: 7 letters

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# Ryan leads unbeaten Falcons over Eagles



PHILADELPHIA — Either the Atlanta Falcons are really this good or the Philadelphia Eagles are really this bad.

Matt Ryan threw touchdown passes on Atlanta's first three possessions against the Eagles and new defensive coordinator Todd Bowles, and the Falcons remained the NFL's only unbeaten team with a convincing 30-17 win over Philadelphia on Sunday.

The Falcons improved to 7-0 for the first time while the Eagles (3-4) lost after a bye for the first time in 14 games under coach Andy Reid since 1999.

Ryan finished 22 of 29 for 262 yards and three TDs for his first win against his hometown team in three tries.

Michael Vick didn't turn the ball over for once, but he played so-so and failed to beat his former team in his second start against the Falcons since returning to the NFL in 2009.

The Falcons scored on their first six possessions before punting for the first time with 5:35 left.

This was a validation win for Atlanta. The Falcons entered with no victories over a team with a winning record and their opponents were a combined 13-24 going into this weekend. Perhaps that's why they were a surprising 3-point underdog despite Philadelphia's recent struggles.

Reid's Eagles have lost three in a row since starting 3-1. Reid fired Juan Castillo and replaced him with Bowles two days after Philadelphia blew its second straight fourth-quarter lead in an overtime loss to Detroit.

Clearly, it didn't work.

Castillo's defense allowed 18.5 points per game, excluding two TD returns against the offense. Bowles' D allowed 21 points in the first 24 minutes and couldn't make a stop until the fourth quarter.

A sellout crowd anticipating a pending storm expected to hit the East Coast soon started filtering out in the third quarter. Those who stuck around booed the Eagles off the field, though one guy chanted "E-A-G-L-E-S" in the final minute.

The anti-Reid fans may be seeing him in his final months with the team. Owner Jeffrey Lurie already stated before the season that another 8-8 finish would be "unacceptable."

## Giants 29, Cowboys 24

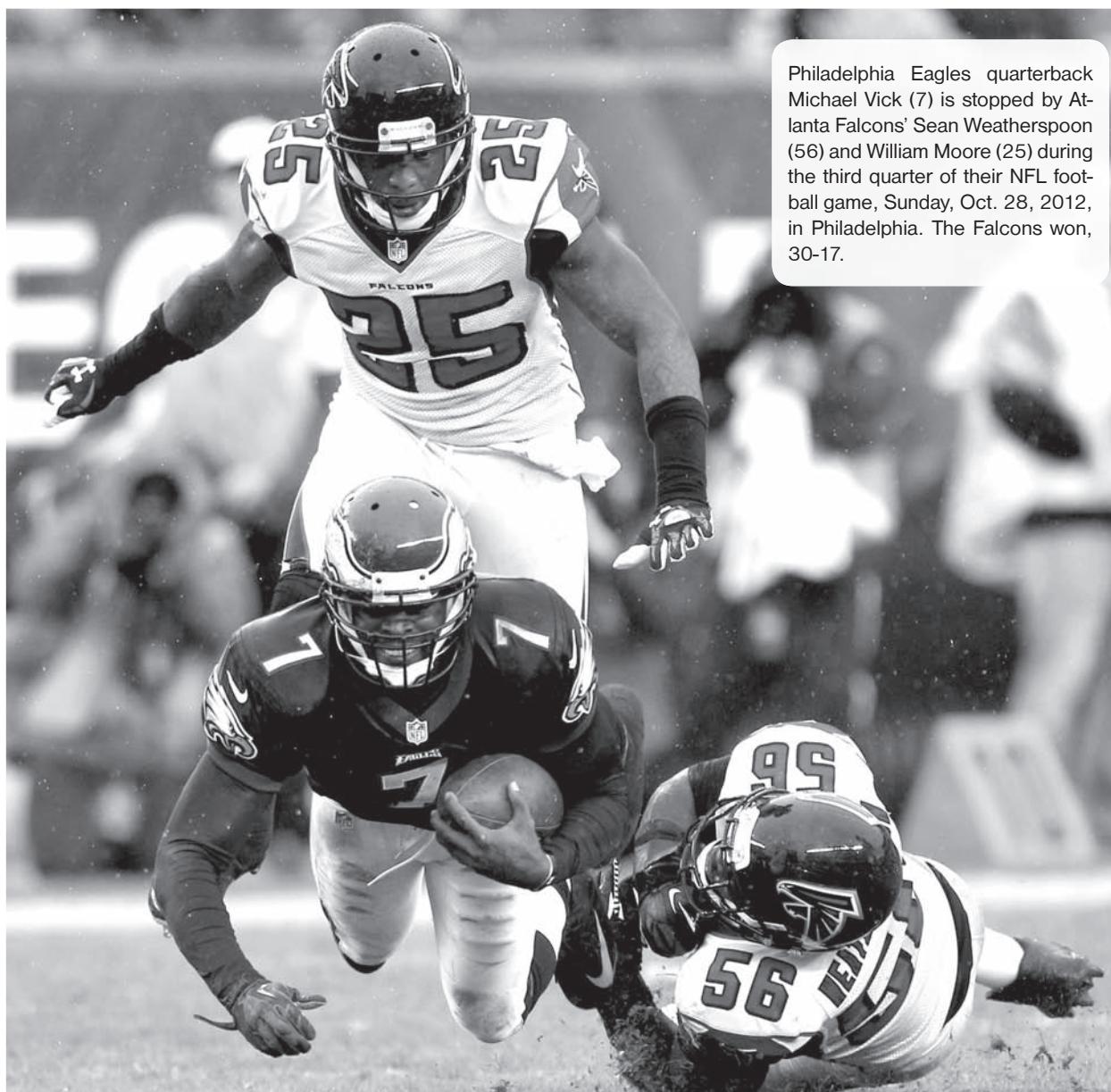
In Arlington, Lawrence Tynes kicked two of his five field goals in the fourth quarter and Eli Manning and New York remained undefeated at Cowboys Stadium with a win after blowing a 23-point lead.

The Giants overcame a fourth-quarter deficit to win for the 20th time in Manning's career. None were quite like this one.

New York (6-2) led 23-0 just 2 minutes into the second quarter when defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul returned an interception 28 yards for a touchdown. That was the third interception thrown by Tony Romo, among six turnovers by Dallas (3-4).

The NFC East-leading Giants didn't score again until Tynes kicked a 43-yard field goal with 10:20 left for a 26-24 lead. He added a 37-yarder after Stevie Brown recovered a fumble.

Dallas celebrated what seemed to be a 37-yard touchdown catch by Dez Bryant with 10 seconds left. But the play was reviewed, showing that Bry-



ant's hand touched out of bounds first.

## Broncos 34, Saints 14

In Denver, Peyton Manning shook off a bleeding right thumb after banging it on an opponent's helmet to throw for 305 yards and three scores and lead Denver past New Orleans.

It was Manning's fifth straight 300-yard game, setting a franchise record for Denver (4-3) and matching his personal best.

The Broncos won two in a row for the first time this season. They gained 530 yards against the Saints (2-5), who came in with the NFL's worst defense.

Denver held Drew Brees and the league's top-ranked passing offense to 213 yards passing in Joe Vitt's debut as interim coach after serving a six-game suspension for the team's bounty scandal.

## Lions 28, Seahawks 24

In Detroit, Matthew Stafford threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Titus Young with 20 seconds left.

Zach Miller made a spectacular, 16-yard catch on a toss from Russell Wilson with 5:27 left to put the Seahawks ahead.

Seattle (4-4) couldn't stop the Lions (3-4) on their last possession.

Stafford led a 16-play drive that started at Detroit 20 with 5:27 remaining. The possession began with a 15-yard pass to Calvin Johnson and was kept alive with third-down conversion passes to Johnson in Lions territory and to Joique Bell to set up the winning score from just outside the goal line.

## Steelers 27, Redskins 12

In Pittsburgh, the Steelers turned Robert Griffin III into just another rookie quarterback, swarming Washington's precocious star in a dominant win.

Griffin completed just 16 of 34 passes for 177 yards and a score while managing 8 yards rushing.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger had no such issues, throwing for 222 yards and three touchdowns as the Steelers (4-3) won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Jonathan Dwyer added 107 yards rushing in his second NFL start. Pittsburgh jumped on Washington (3-5) early, scoring on its first four possessions and never letting Griffin get loose.

Heath Miller caught four passes for 46 yards and his sixth touchdown of the season for the Steelers.

## Browns 7, Chargers 6

In Cleveland, rookie Trent Richardson rushed for 122 yards and scored a touchdown in the Browns' soggy, wind-whipped win.

Richardson, pulled last week at Indianapolis when he was ineffective because of a rib injury, carried 24 times as the Browns (2-6) won their second straight game at home - and first for new owner Jimmy Haslam. Richardson scored on a 26-yard run in the first quarter and the Browns were able to hang on despite not generating much offense in blustery, rainy conditions.

The Chargers (3-4) dropped their third straight. San Diego had a final chance, but quarterback Philip Rivers' pass was batted away by Browns cornerback Buster Skrine with 1:24 left.

Rivers finished 18 of 34 for 154 yards.

## Patriots 45, Rams 7

In London, Tom Brady led touchdown drives on the first five possessions and New England cruised at Wembley Stadium.

The Rams looked ready to put up

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick (7) is stopped by Atlanta Falcons' Sean Weatherspoon (56) and William Moore (25) during the third quarter of their NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Philadelphia. The Falcons won, 30-17.

terception of the game 25 yards for the go-ahead score.

Cam Newton drove the Panthers to the Chicago 27, and Justin Medlock's 45-yard field goal hit the right upright and went through to put Carolina (1-6) ahead 22-20 with 2:27 remaining. Medlock had five field goals.

On the winning drive, Cutler moved the Bears 55 yards to the 23 to set up Gould's kick. The Panthers lost their fifth straight game.

## Packers 24, Jaguars 15

In Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers went back to an old favorite, connecting with Donald Driver on a 4-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Rodgers threw two touchdowns, passing Bart Starr for second place on Green Bay's all-time list, and Dezman Moses gave the Packers their first touchdown on a blocked punt in almost 22 years. But Green Bay (5-3) had a surprisingly tough time with the NFL's worst team, which lost its fourth straight.

Playing without top receivers Greg Jennings and Jordy Nelson, Green Bay's offense struggled to find its groove all afternoon. Jacksonville (1-6), meanwhile, looked unfazed by the absence of Maurice Jones-Drew. Backup Rashad Jennings finished with 115 yards of offense, and Cecil Shorts had a career-best 116 yards on eight catches.

## Dolphins 30, Jets 9

In East Rutherford, Matt Moore stepped in for an injured Ryan Tannehill and Miami rolled to its third straight victory.

Moore threw a touchdown pass to Anthony Fasano, Olivier Vernon recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a touchdown and blocked a field goal, and the Dolphins smothered Mark Sanchez and the Jets' offense Sunday.

After a week of trash talking between both sides, the argument was won on the field by the Dolphins (4-3) - and it was no contest. They were helped by some hideous play by the Jets (3-5), who have lost two straight.

Tannehill injured his left knee and quadriceps muscle on a sack on third down by Calvin Pace on the Dolphins' second possession of the game. Moore finished 11 of 19 for 131 yards.

Sanchez was 28 of 54 for 283 yards with a touchdown and interception.

## Raiders 26, Chiefs 16

In Kansas City, Carson Palmer threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns, and Oakland stuffed struggling Kansas City for its sixth straight win at Arrowhead Stadium.

Sebastian Janikowski was perfect on four field-goal attempts, and the Raiders (3-4) nearly became the third straight team to keep the Kansas City offense out of the end zone.

The Chiefs (1-6) scored their only touchdown with 2:27 left in the game.

Darren McFadden ran for 114 yards, and Denarius Moore and Darrius Heyward-Bey had touchdown catches for Oakland, which has won two straight after losing four of its first five.

Matt Cassel threw for 218 yards in place of Brady Quinn, who left in the first half with what the team called a "head injury." Quinn had started his second straight game.

The Chiefs have lost four straight and still have not led in regulation this season.

# Harden expects to sign long-term deal with Houston



**HOUSTON** (AP)—James Harden plans to sign a long-term extension with the Houston Rockets before the regular season begins.

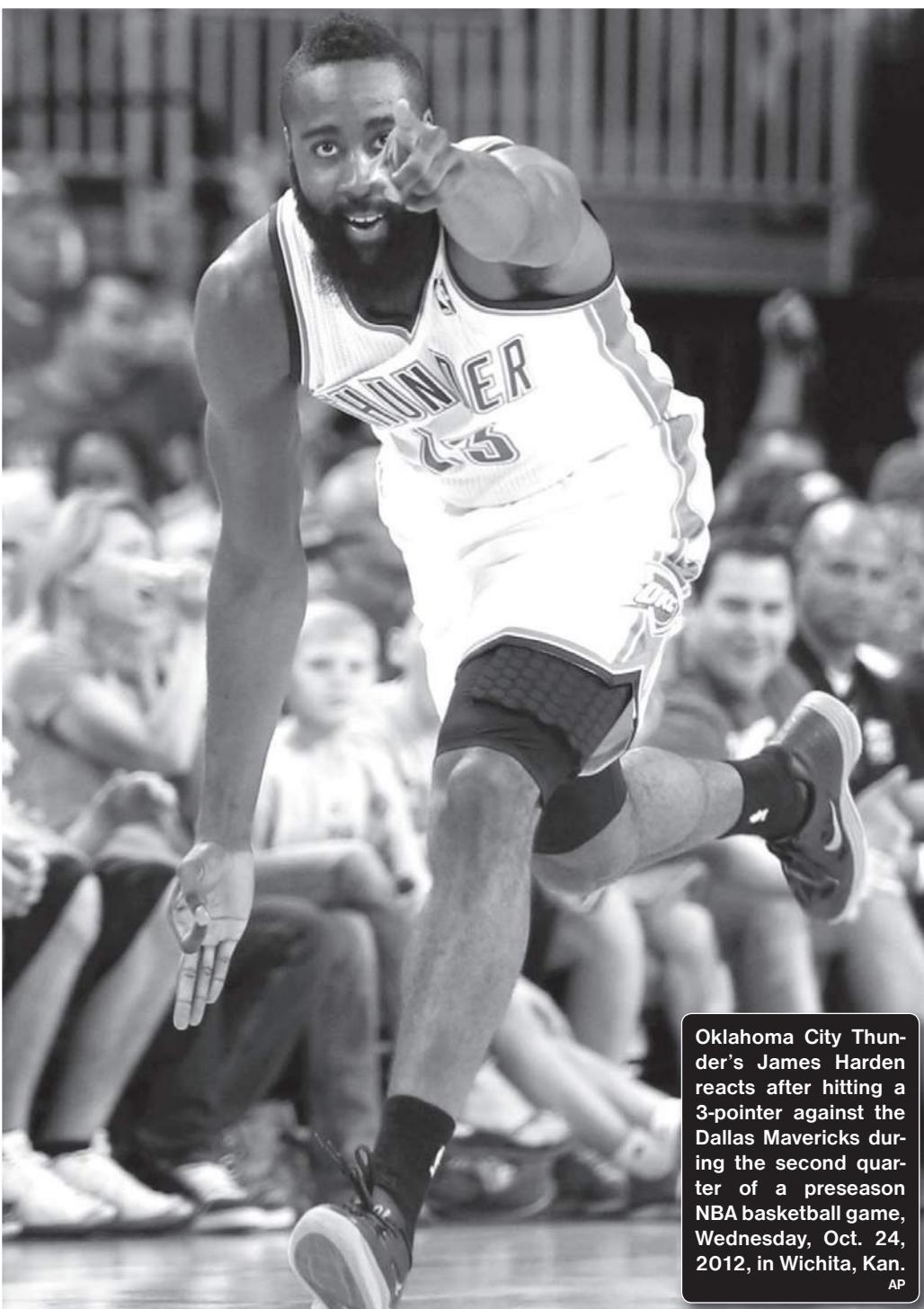
The reigning Sixth Man of the Year joined his new team Sunday after he was traded to the Rockets from Oklahoma City late Saturday. The Thunder acquired guards Kevin Martin and Jeremy Lamb, two first-round picks and a second-round pick in the surprising deal. Oklahoma City also sent center Cole Aldrich and forwards Daequan Cook and Lazar Hayward to Houston.

"It happened so fast, it happened very fast," Harden said. "But this is the position I'm in now. Just have to make the best out of it. I'm with Houston now. I just have to come in here and play hard and win games."

Thunder general manager Sam Presti said Houston was able to offer Harden a contract that Oklahoma City could not.

"Quite honestly, the value of the trade was greater based on the fact that the Rockets could offer him the contract that he was seeking," Presti said. "By doing it when we did it, it allowed the Rockets to secure - or I believe it will allow the Rockets to secure him and James will get the contract that he was seeking. And because of that, we were able to capitalize on the trade and probably get a little bit more than we would have if we would have waited."

The Rockets nabbed Harden on the night before holding a public practice at the Toyota Center. An hour before the practice started, fans peered into the shaded, street-level glass windows to catch a glimpse of the new arrival on the Rockets' practice court.



Oklahoma City Thunder's James Harden reacts after hitting a 3-pointer against the Dallas Mavericks during the second quarter of a preseason NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, in Wichita, Kan.  
AP

The 23-year-old Harden says he'll have to adjust to a rebuilding team after playing for a contender in Oklahoma City. The acquisition of Harden completes an offseason overhaul for the Rockets, who've missed the playoffs the last three seasons. Houston cut or traded every veteran player, including point guard Kyle Lowry, backup Goran Dragic, shooting guard Courtney Lee and popular forward Luis Scola.

The Thunder, meanwhile, are

## \$3M fees for Woods, McIlroy at China exhibition

**SHANGHAI, China** (AP)—Tiger Woods is expected to get a \$2 million appearance fee and Rory McIlroy \$1 million for their one-day exhibition match Monday in Zhengzhou, China.

The top-ranked McIlroy and Woods, a 14-time major winner, will play their first head-to-head match in an event without other competitors at Lake Jinsha International Golf Club.

The 18-hole medal-match has been dubbed the "Duel at Lake Jinsha."

"We're going to try and put on a good show, shoot a low round and have a little bit of fun," said Woods.

McIlroy finished second Sunday in the BMW Masters in Shanghai, while Woods tied for fourth in the \$6.1 million CIMB Classic in Malaysia.

McIlroy visited the Lake Jinsha course in north-central China last year as part of the seven-day, seven-stop, 18-hole "China Challenge" that also featured Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter and China's Liang Wen-chong.

The four played just three

holes at Lake Jinsha, with McIlroy posting par, birdie and bogey before moving on to the next Challenge stop. Westwood was the eventual winner.

"The only thing I remember is that just so many people turned up to the golf course to watch the four of us," McIlroy said.

Woods bundled McIlroy out of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Final earlier in October in an event featuring six others.

"I do treat these exhibition matches as a bit of fun and it

## Watney tops CIMB Classic

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—When

heat stroke felled his caddie late in the first round of the CIMB Classic, Nick Watney's wife Amber stepped in to help.

His eventual win Sunday in the \$6.1 tournament was a long way off when she volunteered to pick up the bag when regular caddie Chad Reynolds was taken to the first-aid room and put on an I-V drip at the steamy Mines Resort.

She isn't a golfer and admits she doesn't have a clue about how to read a yardage book, but she gave plenty of moral support when she heaved

Amber joked that the fact

the bag on the 18th hole and walked with her husband to the end of his first round Thursday.

Watney used a local caddie for the second round Friday, then Reynolds was fit enough to return for work on the weekend.

Amber Watney said as the daughter of a seasoned tour caddie, she was willing to negotiate on the fees after her husband won the \$1.3 million first prize. Watney narrowly missed out on a 59 in the last round when he bogeyed the last hole. Perhaps it'll come into Watney's calculations when he's buying her a gift for their second wedding anniversary, which is Tuesday.

"So Nick was telling me, 'It's in the blood, it's in the blood,'" she said. "I put in my application for Friday's round, but I was denied. I was OK with that!"

one of the favorites to win the Western Conference after losing to Miami in last year's finals.

"This is definitely different," Harden said. "But it's something that we have to learn to deal with. This is a business and everything happens for a reason. I'm going to just to play hard, try to play hard and do whatever it takes to win."

Harden was a first-round pick by Oklahoma City out of Arizona State in 2009. He started only seven games in three seasons, but he became an indispensable reserve. Last year, he averaged 16.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists in the regular season.

"I like the way he plays," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "He's got a pace to his game that I like, I think he plays at a speed where he can repeat things over and over again. He's not playing at a warp speed. He really takes his time, and goes when he wants to go, starts, stops. He's a really sophisticated player."

Harden struggled in the NBA finals, shooting 37.5 percent from the field and 31.8 percent from 3-point range. He scored 19 points with five assists in Game 5, a 121-106 Miami victory that clinched the championship.

He'll also have to adjust to a starting role in Houston, joining Jeremy Lin in the backcourt.

"He's always been an efficient, easy player to play with," Lin said. "The way he plays, the style he plays is very in tune with what we're trying to do."

McHale thinks Harden can make a seamless switch to a starting role.

"I don't think he'll need any adjusting," McHale said. "I don't think that'll be an issue at all. He's just going to get an opportunity to get more time and start the game."

Harden and his new teammates arrived at the Toyota Center in a limousine just moments after Martin drove away.

Martin has averaged 18.4 points and 2.1 assists in eight NBA seasons, most of them with Sacramento. He played 2 1/2 seasons in Houston and averaged 23.5 points in 2010-11 under coach Rick Adelman. The Rockets and Adelman parted ways after that season, and Martin's numbers dipped in McHale's first season.

He was in the final year of his contract and is due to make about \$13 million this season.

The 6-foot-2 Lamb was the 12th overall pick in the draft. Lamb helped Connecticut win the 2011 Final Four and led the Rockets' summer-league team in scoring, averaging 20 points.

Lin said he was "pretty excited" about the deal, although he said it doesn't change the team's expectations.

"The way we're looking at it is we want to make the playoffs, whether the trade happened or not," he said. "We're still looking at the same exact focus, the same exact goal."

If nothing else, the arrival of Harden will deflect some of the attention away from Lin, on the court and off it.

"We'll see how everything plays out," Lin said. "It'll be dispersed a little more."

## Serena wins WTA title, ends year No. 3



**ISTANBUL**

(AP)—Her year

filled with titles

and trophies

over, Serena Williams can at last admit it: This was a title she had her eye on.

Not that any more evidence of her all-consuming, powerful game was needed, but Williams gave it anyway. She dismissed Maria Sharapova 6-4, 6-3 Sunday to win the WTA Championships for the third time and finish the year with another title, but not the top ranking.

"Now that I can be honest, I really wanted to win," Williams said. "I wanted it so bad, but I didn't want to say it ... It was really important for me to end the year with this title in particular."

Williams ended the year with a 59-4 record and seven titles. Since her first-round loss at the French Open, she is 31-1, winning Wimbledon, the Olympic gold medal and the U.S. Open.

The 31-year-old Williams became the oldest player to capture the year-end championships. But she will finish the year ranked No. 3, behind No. 1 Victoria Azarenka and No. 2 Sharapova, because she

did not play as well in the first half of the year. Azarenka lost to Sharapova in the semifinals.

"I had such a good year, it was important to end on a good note," Williams said. "It was good for my sanity to win. I really wanted it although I didn't need it."

In 2001 and '09 Williams also won the elite, year-end tournament that brings together the world's top eight players.

A fist-pumping Williams closed the first set with an ace, one of 11 she had in the match. The American broke serve to start the second and was never threatened again. Williams hit a powerful return on her first match point. She finished with 40 winners to Sharapova's 13.

"Today she had another great serving day against me," said Sharapova, who never had a break point.

Williams finished the tournament without dropping a set. She also beat Azarenka in round-robin play, one of her four wins against the No. 1 player this year.

"If I'm playing well and doing everything right, it's pretty difficult to beat me, without trying to sound too full of myself," Williams said. "And I hate to lose."

## HOW SWEET

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ball, becoming only the fifth big league team—and the first since the 1982 Cardinals—to win the title after finishing dead last in home runs during the regular season.

"Our guys had a date with destiny," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said.

Marco Scutaro delivered one more key hit this October, a go-ahead single with two outs in the 10th inning against Phil Coke.

On a night of biting cold, stiff breezes and some rain, the Giants sealed the title when Sergio Romo got Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera to look at strike three for the final out.

"Tonight was a battle," said Giants catcher Buster Posey, the NL batting champion. "And I think tonight was a fitting way for us to end it because those guys played hard. They didn't stop, and it's an unbelievable feeling."

Posey, the only player in the starting lineup when San Francisco won the 2010 clincher at Texas, celebrated with his teammates in the center of the Comerica Park diamond. In the clubhouse, they hoisted the trophy, passed it around and shouted the name of each player who held it.

"World Series champions!" hollered outfielder Hunter Pence, who started the pregame seed-tossing ritual.

## DETROIT

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the Tigers were vanquished in a sweep few saw coming, losing four straight to the San Francisco Giants.

The finale was 4-3 in 10 innings. Cabrera homered in Game 4 on Sunday night, but Fielder's struggles persisted, and Verlander never had another chance to pitch after he was knocked around in Game 1.

"You remember this feeling all winter, and it makes you want to come back and try this again," Verlander said. "I've lost twice, and it doesn't get easier. It gets harder. I don't want to do this a third time."

Detroit lost in five games to St. Louis in the 2006 World Series. This showing was even worse.

In both years, the Tigers won the AL

Pedro Sandoval, nicknamed Kung Fu Panda, was benched for most of the 2010 Series and then went 8 for 16 this year, including a three-homer performance in Game 1, to win MVP honors.

"I was ready for the moment," he said. "I was waiting for the opportunity to be in the playoffs again."

Cabrera delivered the first big hit for Detroit, interrupting San Francisco's run of dominant pitching with a two-run, wind-blown homer over the right-field wall in the third.

Posey put the Giants ahead 3-2 with a two-run homer in the sixth and Delmon Young hit a tying home run in the bottom half.

San Francisco then won a battle of bullpens.

Ryan Theriot led off the 10th with a single against Phil Coke, moved up on Brandon Crawford's sacrifice and scored on a shallow single by Scutaro, the MVP of the NL championship series. Center fielder Austin Jackson made a throw home, to no avail.

"We were very adamant that we have to step on their throats," Giants pitcher Barry Zito said. "We saw what they did to New York."

Santiago Casilla got one out in the ninth for the win. Romo struck out the side in the bottom of the 10th for his third save of the Series.

The Giants finished the month with seven straight wins and their seventh Series championship. They handed the

Tigers their seventh straight World Series loss dating to 2006.

"Obviously, there was no doubt about it," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "It was freaky. I would have never guessed we would have swept the Yankees and I would have never guessed the Giants would have swept us."

The Giants combined for a 1.42 ERA, outscored the Tigers 16-6 and held them to a .159 batting average – third-lowest in Series history ahead of only the 1966 Baltimore Orioles (.146) and 1966 Dodgers (.142).

"This was the worst day of my career," Tigers catcher Alex Avila said. "They played great, and we didn't. It's that simple."

The NL has won three in a row for the first time in 30 years. San Francisco won six elimination games en route to the title.

Once again, San Francisco took an early lead. Pence hit a one-hop drive over the center-field fence for a double and Brandon Belt tripled off the right-field wall on the next pitch for a 1-0 lead in the second.

The next inning, Cabrera gave the Tigers a reason to think this night might get them back on track to end a title drought dating to 1984.

With two outs and a runner on first, Cabrera lofted an opposite-field fly to right—off the bat, it looked like a routine out shy of the warning track. But with winds gusting over 25 mph, the

ball kept carrying. Pence kept drifting toward the wall and the crowd kept getting louder.

Just like that, it was gone.

Cabrera's homer gave Detroit its first lead of the Series, ended its 20-inning scoreless streak. Trailing for the first time since Game 4 of the NL championship series, Posey and the Giants put a dent in Detroit's optimism. Scutaro led off the sixth with a single and clapped all the way around the bases when Posey sent a shot that sailed just inside the left-field foul pole for a 3-2 lead.

Young, the ALCS MVP against the Yankees, made it 3-all with another opposite-field homer to right, this one a no-doubt drive.

But other Tigers disappointed. Prince Fielder, signed to a \$214 million deal last winter, finished 1 for 14 (.071) against the Giants without an RBI. Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was 3 for 13 (.231) with three RBIs.

"You just don't get to write your own script," Fielder said.

San Francisco did. The Giants overcame a 2-0 deficit against Cincinnati in the best-of-division series by winning three straight on the road. They overcame a 3-1 hole against defending champion St. Louis in the league championship. And then they became the first champion that hit the fewest home runs in the majors since St. Louis in 1982.

## NMA

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(37:45) and Zhouyao Jiang (41:00). ACA also had all five finishers in the boys U14 with Owen Ou recording 16:08 to down teammates Angelo Tiang (16:15), Moses Qui (19:05), John Shi (19:23), and Jason Li (23:32).

The girls U18 was a head-to-head race between MHS teammates Clarisse Cayabyab and Francine Sablan with the former coming in at first place after logging 30:59 against the latter's 35:49. In the boys U18, ACS' Mark Puno led the pack after posting 22:49, while his teammates Joseph Yang (22:53) and Zeyue Lin (22:56) rounded out the Top 3. Other boys U18 finishers were ACS' Bill Chan (35:48), David Chan (26:19), Jeremy Kong (25:47), Wei Cheng (31:35), Mengen Li (925:25), Allen Guo (27:06), Mingzhe Li (37:37), and Mennge Lai (24:45), and MHS' Tiger Yatsui (35:03) and Carlo Ocaya (26:33).

Runners in last Saturday's race are now qualified to join the 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championships set for Dec. 1 at the American Memorial Park at 6:30am.

Students still have chances to qualify for the championships, as NMA will be hosting two more tournaments next month. The second leg is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 4pm at the Civic Center Court in Susupe, while the third one will take place at AMP at 6:30pm on Nov. 24.

der wasn't heard from. After a leadoff walk in the eighth, Cabrera, Fielder and Young struck out in succession, and there was a sense that one more San Francisco run would win it.

Marco Scutaro delivered it, singling home the tiebreaking run in the 10th.

"For us to play like we did against this great club, I couldn't be prouder of these guys," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

Now Detroit will have to come back next year and try again to reward owner Mike Ilitch with a title after his big spending. It was Ilitch who signed off on the \$214 million deal that made Fielder a Tiger in the offseason.

"I'm disappointed for Mr. Ilitch. We wanted this bad for him," Leyland said. "But when you've been in the game a long time, somebody wins and somebody loses."

Meanwhile, a special junior division long distance category was introduced at the spur of the moment during the event as only two groups turned out for the competition. The head-to-head battle went down on Sunday with MPP's A junior (53:55.13) edging Guatdan Tasi-Real (56:49.46).

The Top 3 finishers in each division/category received a hand carved wooden trophy, shaped like a bailer, during the banquet held last Sunday at Kanoa Resort.

This year's Micro-Cup was organized by the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation under tournament director Rob Jordan, in conjunction with the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club and Kim Peterson.

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championship series in a sweep, then looked out of sorts in the Fall Classic. Detroit was shut out by the Giants in Games 2 and 3, and lost Sunday despite Cabrera's two-run homer in the third inning.

It was Cabrera's popup that wasted Detroit's best chance in Game 3 – and the Triple Crown winner made the last out of the series, striking out looking to end the 10th on Sunday.

"We could not find our game in the World Series," Cabrera said. "We were looking in the whole series to get ahead, but they pitched good, they pitched great and they beat us."

Before Game 3 on Saturday, there was still an old scorecard posted in the Detroit dugout at Comerica Park, left over from practice games the Tigers had played with instructional league players during the layoff between an

while Ifit (10:34.66) edged out Poksai White (10:38.84) for fourth place.

Poksai Yellow swiped the pole in the women's 500m sprint with an even time of 3:00 and faced Poksai Pink (3:02), Hoe Lokahi (3:06), Ifit (3:08) and repechage qualifier Poksai White (3:11.18) in the finals. However Poksai Pink pulled it together in the final with a time of 2:58.32 and was the only group to breach three minutes. Poksai Yellow (3:03.16) and Hoe Lokahi (3:06.28) trailed close behind, while Poksai White (3:23.97) and Ifit (3:26.13) faded and missed the podium.

Then in last Sunday's long distance event, Poksai Pink reemphasized its dominance and finished the 10-mile slog in 1:25:39. About three and a half minutes back came Poksai Yellow (1:28:45), which finished ahead of Hoe Lokahi (1:32:01). Seven teams made up the field.

Notably, though its members have shuffled in and out in past competition, a team from Poksai has triumphed in the Micro Cup for the past four years.

In the men's division, the champion HK United has Jyrki Luomala, Team

ALCS sweep of the New York Yankees and the World Series. Those workouts were supposed to prevent rust, and the scorecard actually listed both Fielder and Cabrera as designated hitters in the same lineup—a sign of how informal the games were.

Two DHs? Neither player hit well enough in the World Series to merit that distinction. Cabrera was 3 for 13 and Fielder was 1 for 14.

"It is unfortunate, but we played as hard as we could. Losing to the World Series champions isn't too bad," Fielder said. "We played good baseball, but they just beat us. We had a great season to get to the playoffs, and we played well to get to the World Series. You just don't get to write your own script."

The Tigers had a chance to take control in Game 1 with Verlander on the mound in San Francisco. But he gave up

five runs in four innings in what would be his only appearance of a series that didn't go at all as planned for Detroit.

"I'm a little bit flabbergasted to be honest with you," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "In both of those series, I never would have thought that we would have swept the New York Yankees, and I never would have thought that the Giants would have swept us, but it happened. It's a freaky game."

The Tigers at least mounted one last comeback Sunday. Cabrera's wind-blown, two-run drive put Detroit up 2-1 for its first lead of the series. When Buster Posey gave the Giants a 3-2 lead with a sixth-inning homer, Detroit tied it immediately in the bottom half on a solo shot by Delmon Young.

But that was it.

The Tigers wouldn't score again, and the vaunted middle of their batting or-

ings in a photo finish.

BKC was Palau's lone entry to the weekend event, however it fielded a strong pair of mixed crews who claimed first place in the 1500m and 500m events.

BKC, which is made up of team captain Jonathan Castaneda, Joseph Carlos, Cyji Cepeda, Maria Tariabiong, Elsei Tellei, and Bill Tony led by over 15 seconds against five rivals in the 1,500m affair with a solid mark of 9:42. It then blew away the competition in the finals with an even faster time of 9:26.03. Guam's Ifit (9:42.40) outran Tulos (9:45.84) also of Guam for runner-up honors in the finals. Six teams made up the field.

BKC then stood up Tulos by one second as the former emerged as the top qualifier in the 500m sprint event with a time of 2:58. The group went on to shave three seconds off its initial run in the finals (2:55.84) to secure the win against Tulos (2:58.04), while Tao Tao Galaide (3:02.06) settled for third place. Palau's 500m sprint unit includes team captain Castaneda, Cepeda, Herman Malsol, Tariabiong, Tellei and Tony.

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# Sonics win battle of unbeaten teams in Rotary

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 The defending champions Sonics subdued the Rollers 2, 62-45, last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium to become the lone undefeated squad in the U20 division of the Rotary Club of Saipan's 21st Annual Youth Basketball League.

The Sonics improved their perfect run to eight wins and issued the Rollers 2 its first loss of the season after sweeping its first seven games.

In other results, the Rollers 1 (3-3) defeated the winless Agape Torchbearers (0-7), 85-58, in Friday's early pairing, while in Saturday's U16 division game, the Rollers 1 (5-0) shellacked the Rollers 2 (2-3), 56-29.

Notably, Saturday's other games resulted in a pair of forfeit wins for Matson Consulting/NMC Proa (4-1) and Hi-5 (2-3), as the CNMI Jr. National Girls Team (2-3) and D-South (0-4) were both

missing in action last weekend.

In last weekend's battle of unbeaten teams, the Sonics made a statement from the tip and rocked Rollers 2, 19-8. The defending champions spread the ball around well as eight different players chipped in on the early surge.

The Sonics continued to share the ball in the second quarter and optimized their line changes en route to a stout 36-20 favor at halftime. The Sonics went to center Jimmy Tudela, who proved to be too much to handle for the younger and smaller Rollers 2, as he and a swarm of other veterans dominated the battle for rebounds.

On the other end, the Sonics made it a point to contain Rollers 2's Prince Factor, Irvyn Malonzo, and C.J. Morales, as the latter was held scoreless and the two other gunners were held to 4 points each in the first half.

JP Iglesias scuttled for 7 points to try and get the Rollers 2's offense moving, but the Sonics kept shifting in and out, as they received output from six differ-



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The Sonics' Jimmy Tudela rises up for a shot at close range against the Rollers 2 during their U20 game in the Rotary caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ent sets of hands. Tudela led the Sonics with 9 points in the first half as he and his boys cashed in on a number of second chance shot opportunities.

The Sonics' favor swung up to 48-32, after the pause as they did a good job managing the clock in the third quarter and they did not let up in the payoff period. The Sonics received contributions from a handful of donors in each of the last two frames and seemed to always have an answer for their rival.

Tudela finished with 15 points and got a combined 18 markers from Melvin Cadiang and Bryl Alegre, while Malonzo was held to a dismal team-high 9.

In the curtain-raiser, the Agape Torchbearers hung around in the first quarter and trailed by only a basket, 14-16, but the Rollers 1 assumed control in the second period and established a 37-26 margin at intermission.

The Rollers 1 pulled away in the third quarter, 60-39, as Ronnel Lansang and Daryl Suarez hooked up for 15 points.

Then the Rollers drained three more treys in the final period to stamp an exclamation point on the win.

Norita led all scorers with 27 points and one-upped the combined production of Agape's Joseph Yang and David Chan.

In the lone game in the U16, the

**U20 First Game**

**Rollers 1 81** – Norita 27, Lansang 15, Francisco 14, Suarez 13, Deleon Guerrero 12.

**Agape Torchbearers 58** – Yang 13,

D. Chan 12, B. Li 9, Ren 8, B Chan 8,

E. Li 4, Yu 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-14, 37-26,

60-39, 81-58.

**Second Game**

**Sonics 62** – Tudela 15, Cadiang 10, Alegre 8, Aranda 6, De Guzman 6, Vilanueva 6, Salem 5, Javier 4, Mariano 2.

**Rollers 2 45** – Malonzo 9, Factor 7,

Iglesias 7, Floresca 6, Morales 6, Kwon 5, Nakayama 3, Espinosa 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-8, 36-20,

48-32, 62-45.

**U16**

**Rollers 1 51** – Morales 19, Feria 18, Ano 9, Floresca 2, Deluna 2, Factor 2, Malonzo 2, Rios 2.

**Rollers 2 29** – Fidelino 9, Cadua 7,

Derag 5, Admana 4, Ellama 2, Espinosa 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 11-9, 26-13,

36-21, 56-29.

**Wondrasek completes Xterra World debut**

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The first leg of the 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series had a good turnout with over 70 runners joining last Saturday's race at the CPA Field.

In the three-runners race in the girls U10, ACS' Annie Wang clocked in at 9:18 to prevail over SCS' Desirei Camacho (9:32) and teammate Wendy Tang (11:17). In the boys U10, SCS' Ken Song bested 8 others after making it to the finish line at the 7:09 mark, just 21 seconds ahead of runner-up Blake Mister of Whispering Palms.

SCS' John Paul Sablan finished third with his 9:01, followed by ACS' Peter Xhen (9:14), SCS' Jason Sablan (9:56), SCS' Vinson Bacani (10:01), ACS' Tychicus Xu (10:49.05), and SCS' Derrick Seo (10:49) and Seung Won (11:12).

The boys U12 was the closest race of the day with Hopwood's Oneil Magno winning by only three seconds against SCS' Haruja Eda, as the former timed in at 7:04 versus the latter's 7:07. ACS' David Cai (8:13) and Han Jiang (8:53) came in at third and fourth, respectively, and were joined by teammate Sean Delgado (10:06).

The girls U12 winner was also decided in seconds with ACS' Sarah Wu posting 8:32 to beat the 8:49 of SCS' Quennie Pfafflin. Sunny Woo of SCS completed the field and finished the race in 10:32.

In the girls U14, ACS had a 1-2-3 finish with Beibei Chen timing in at 22:27 to beat teammates Zhezin Jiang

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and Kevin Liang (10:17), Kaito Arman



Wondrasek

Saipan triathlete Robyn Wondrasek passed the tough Xterra World test after completing the off-road race in Maui, Hawaii, last Sunday (Monday on Saipan).

The Xterra World first timer finished the 1.5-kilometer swim, 30.4-km bike race, and 9.5-km run in 4:40:44, to place at the No. 492 spot overall (out of 560 participants) and No. 125 among 149 female finishers.

Wondrasek and the 749 other triathletes started the early morning race at the rougher waters off D.T. Flemings Beach, less than 24 hours after a tsunami warning was issued across Hawaii.

The Saipan bet went on to survive the swim leg after clocking in at 34:24.

Next up for the 27-year-old Wondrasek was the MTB race along the slopes of West Maui Mountains and she finished her favorite leg at the 2:48:25 mark.

For the run leg that brought triathletes to dirt trails of Oleander forests, 60-foot high ironwood evergreens, and mountain lake at the 650-foot level, Wondrasek timed in at 1:17:54.

*Saipan Tribune* emailed Wondrasek yesterday to get her inputs about her Xterra World debut, but she has yet to respond at press time, but in an

earlier interview, she said she did not have a target time in Maui and just finishing the grueling race is already an accomplishment for an upcoming triathlete like her.

Wondrasek qualified for Xterra World after topping her age group in the 2012 Xterra Saipan Championship. Joining the Marianas High School teacher in Hawaii were Xterra veterans Dawn Hammermeister and John Douglas, who also competed in Xterra Saipan in March before returning to Montana. Hammermeister clocked in at 4:09:56 to place at No. 14 out of 26 participants in the female 45 to 49 age group. She finished at No. 405 overall and No. 98 out of 149 female finishers. Douglas was the best finisher among the three Saipan triathletes after

Douglas recorded 35:41 in the swim leg, 2:25:37 in the bike, and 57:06 in the run, while Hammermeister had a faster time in the swim race with her 31:01, submitted 2:27:07 in the bike leg, and logged 1:11:48 in the run.

Meanwhile, former Saipan pro and Xterra World veteran Mieko Carey missed the Maui trip, as *Saipan Tribune* learned she decided to concentrate on her upcoming training in Australia.

Xterra World champion (2010) Shonny Vanlandingham made it to last weekend's tournament, but failed to reclaim the women's crown after losing to fellow US pro and eventual back-to-back winner Lesley Paterson (2:44:12). Vanlandingham only ended up at the No. 8 spot after clocking in at 3:02:24 and was behind Chile's Barbara Rivero (2:48:19), South Africa's Mari Rabie (2:53:56), California's Heather Jackson (2:54:13), UK's Jacqui Slack (2:55:19), Canada's Magali Tisseyre (3:01:11), and Renata Bucher (3:01:51).

In the men's division, Javier Gomez Noya won his Xterra World debut after submitting 2:26:54. He defeated US pro Josiah Middaugh (2:27:41) and former champion Conrad Stoltz (2:30:04) of South Africa.

Roller 1 managed a slim 11-9 lead after the opening 10 minutes before breaking open a 26-13 tear at halftime.

Morales scored 13 points when he entered the game in the second quarter and almost single-handedly provided the bulk of the Rollers 1's points in that period.

Teams then traded baskets in the third quarter, as the scoreboard blipped to 36-21, still in favor of the Rollers 1, heading into the final period. Emerson Feria poured it on down the homestretch and signed off the match with 8 markers that sealed the deal for the Rollers 1.

Feria came out just one-point shy of Morales's 19 points, while Jun Fidelino and JC Cadua were held to a joint effort of a dozen for the Rollers 2.



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unbeaten Falcons  
over Eagles

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## How sweep it is: Giants finish off Tigers

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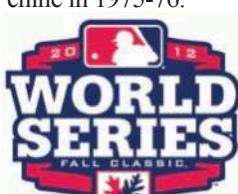
**K**ung Fu Panda, The Freak, The Beard and all their seed-throwing buddies are on top of baseball—again.

They may be under the radar, unappreciated and unexpected. But they're unassailable, the winner of two World Series titles in the last three years.

Their sweep of the Detroit Tigers, completed Sunday night with a 4-3, 10-inning win, was simply historic.

No National League team had swept a World Series since the 1990 Cincinnati Reds.

No NL team had won twice in a three-year span since the Big Red Machine in 1975-76.



"I'm numb, really, the fact that we've won two World Series in the last three years,"

Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "This will sink in, but right now, I'm kind of speechless on that."

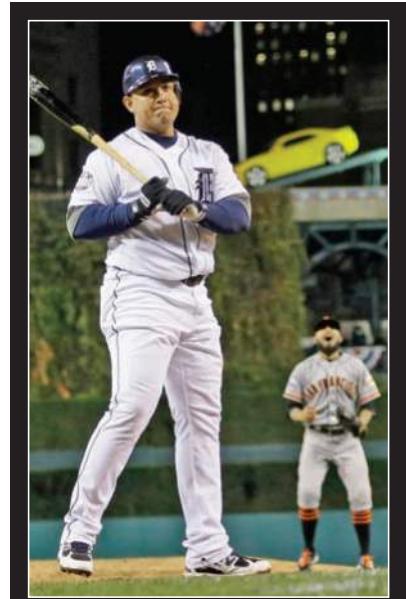
This happens in the NL only slightly more often than appearances of Haley's Comet. They are just the fifth NL team to accomplish the feat since the 1907-08 Chicago Cubs, joining the 1921-22 New York Giants, the St. Louis Cardinals of '44 and '46, the Los Angeles Dodgers of '63 and '65, and that Big Red Machine.

And these Giants did it with small

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San Francisco Giants celebrate after defeating the Detroit Tigers, 4-3, in Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Detroit. The Giants won the World Series, 4-0.



AP  
San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Sergio Romo celebrates as Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera walks away after striking out to end Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Detroit.

*Detroit stars fade in loss to San Francisco*

DETROIT (AP)—They entered the World Series a collection of stars rivaling any team in baseball.

Then one by one, Justin Verlander, Prince Fielder and Miguel Cabrera fell short in the season's final test.

It ended with Cabrera at the plate, watching the third strike that finished Detroit's season. So close to their first championship since 1984,

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## HK United, Poksai Pink shine in Micronesian Cup

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Guam's Poksai Pink and Hong Kong United's men and mixed crews came away as the most decorated teams in

the 14th Annual Micronesian Cup held over the weekend in the waters off Kanoa Resort.

Poksai's Pink team dominated the women's field of the outrigger canoe event, taking first place in the 1,500-

meter race, 500m sprint, and long distance competitions, while HK United's men crew topped the 500m and long distance categories and its mixed team pulled off an upset over Palau's Belau Kanu Club (BKC) for its second vic-

tory in the long distance race.

Poksai Pink is composed of paddlers Ana Maria Gayle, Tina Nelson, Roxanna Miller, Anna Simeon, Vanessa Quinata, and Ann Gawel and coaches Natalie Calvo and Michelle Cerizo.

The group turned in the fastest 1500m qualifying time (9:42), almost a full minute ahead of its closest pursuer in the eight-team field and improved its mark by about 10 seconds in the final

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Hong Kong United paddlers celebrate after winning the men's 500-meter sprint event in the 14th Annual Micronesian Cup held over the weekend in the waters off Kanoa Resort.



Guam's Poksai Pink cruises to victory in the women's 1500-meter race in the 14th Annual Micronesian Cup held over the weekend in the waters off Kanoa Resort.